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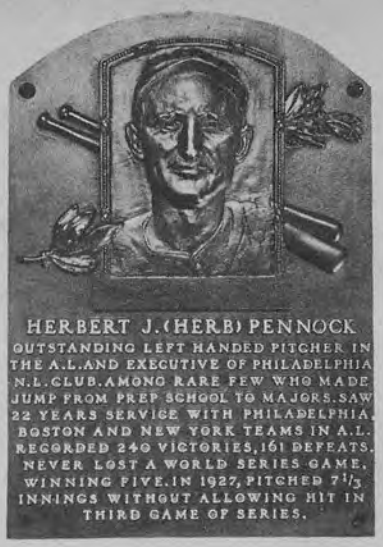
NEW YORK YANKEES-1923-1939
HOLDER OF MORE THAN A SCORE OF MAJOR AND AMERICAN LEAGUE RECORDS, INCLUDING THAT OF PLAYING 2130 CONSECUTIVE GAMES. WHEN HE RETIRED IN 1939, HE HAD A LIFE TIME BATTING AVERAGE OF .340.

GEORGE HERMAN (BABE) RUTH
BOSTON-NEW YORK, A.L.-BOSTON, N.L.
1914-1935
GREATEST DRAWING CARD IN HISTORY OF BASEBALL. HOLDER OF MANY HOME RUN AND OTHER BATTING RECORDS. GATHERED 714 HOME RUNS IN ADDITION TO FIFTEEN IN WORLD SERIES.


HERBERT J. (HERB) PENNOCK
OUTSTANDING LEFT HANDED PITCHER IN THE A.L. AND EXECUTIVE OF PHILADELPHIA N.L. CLUB. AMONG RARE FEW WHO MADE JUMP FROM PREP SCHOOL TO MAJORS. SAW 22 YEARS SERVICE WITH PHILADELPHIA, BOSTON AND NEW YORK TEAMS IN A.L. RECORDED 240 VICTORIES, 161 DEFEATS. NEVER LOST A WORLD SERIES GAME. WINNING FIVE. IN 1927, PITCHED 7 1/3 INNINGS WITHOUT ALLOWING HIT IN THIRD GAME OF SERIES.

In The Hall Of Fame

BILL DICKEY, latest of the Yankees voted into Hall of Fame, rated by many the top catcher of all time.

HOME OF BASEBALL'S IMMORTALS at Cooperstown, N. Y., birthplace of the game.

EDWARD G. BARROW, whose baseball genius molded the foundation for the Yankees' Tradition of Triumph.

JOHN DWIGHT CHESBRO
"HAPPY JACK"
FAMED PITCHER WHO LED BOTH LEAGUES IN PERCENTAGE-NATIONAL LEAGUE IN 1902; AMERICAN LEAGUE IN 1904. SERVED WITH PITTSBURGH N.L. AND THE NEW YORK AND BOSTON A.L. WON 41 GAMES, TOPS IN MAJORS, IN 1904 AND DURING BIG LEAGUE CAREER COMPILED 192 VICTORIES WHILE LOSING ONLY 128.

WILLIE KEELER
"HIT 'EM WHERE THEY AIN'T!"
BASEBALL'S GREATEST PLACE-HITTER; BEST BUNTER. BIG LEAGUE CAREER 1892 TO 1910 WITH N.Y. GIANTS; BALTIMORE ORIOLES, BROOKLYN SUPERBAS, N.Y. HIGHLANDERS. NATIONAL LEAGUE BATTING CHAMPION '97-'98.

CLARK C. GRIFFITH
ASSOCIATED WITH MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS AS A PITCHER, MANAGER AND EXECUTIVE. SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE CHICAGO AND CINCINNATI TEAMS IN THE N.L. AND THE CHICAGO, NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON CLUBS IN THE A.L. COMPILED MORE THAN 200 VICTORIES AS A PITCHER, MANAGER OF THE CINCINNATI N.L. AND CHICAGO, NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON A.L. TEAMS FOR 20 YEARS.

TRIUMPHANT TURMOIL . . . Hank Bauer races across plate with decisive run in sixth-game World Series victory over the Dodgers for Yankees' 5th straight World Championship.

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DEDICATION

THERE HAVE BEEN MANY DRAMATIC highlights in the history of the New York Yankees . . . the first championship in '21 . . . the first World crown in '23 . . . Babe Ruth's sixty home runs in 1927 . . . Lou Gehrig's amazing string of 2,130 games . . . Joe DiMaggio's streak of fifty-six consecutive hitting games in 1941 . . . Joe McCarthy's seven pennants in eight seasons from 1936 through '43! And now the Yankees have added their greatest team triumph — five straight American League flags, five straight World Series triumphs with the loss of only eight games. To Casey Stengel, in recognition of his unmatched record of "five for five", the pages of this Yankee Sketch Book of 1954 are dedicated.

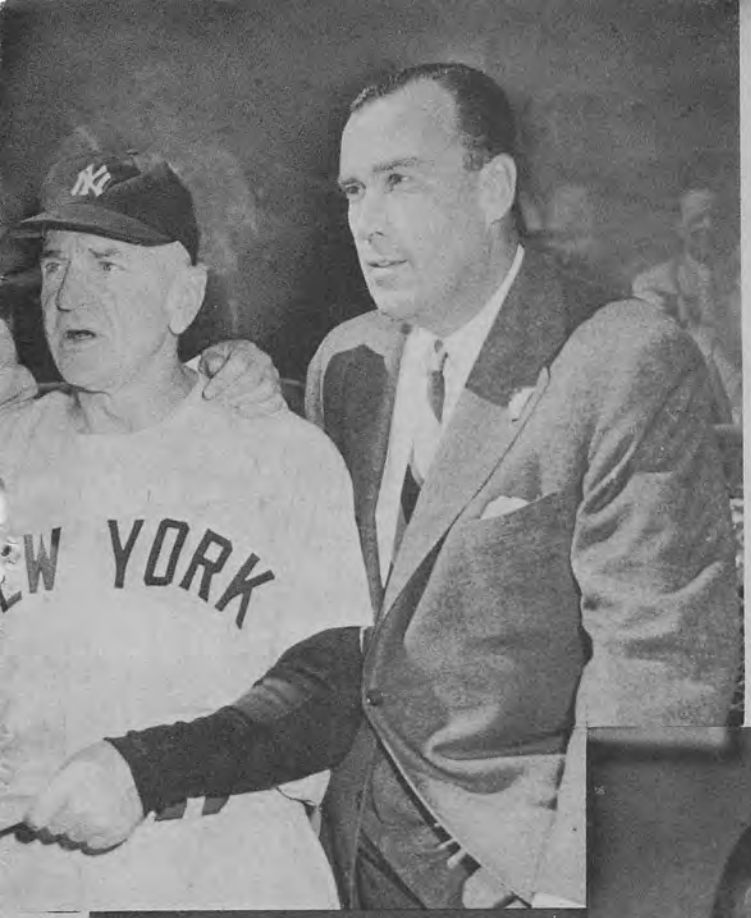
MOB SCENE . . . Billy Martin, who drove Bauer over plate with ninth-inning single, his 12th hit of the 1953 Series, gets hero's reception from team mates.

Club Executives

Co-Partners DANIEL R. TOPPING and DEL E. WEBB have enjoyed a terrific "lifetime batting average" since they came into the American League in 1945. After two tune-up seasons, they have celebrated six pennants and six World Series triumphs over the last seven seasons. Both Topping and Webb have taken an active part in establishing policy of operation and each with the same goal—carrying on the Yankees' tradition of triumph.

Both have been active in sports for many years. Topping played college baseball and football and tournament golf. He takes part annually in a sailfishing expedition. His first promotional interest in sports was as owner of the Brooklyn Football Dodgers, which later became the Football Yankees. He remains an ardent football fan although he has disposed of his holdings in that sport. Currently he is a director of Madison Square Garden.

A sore arm ended Webb's baseball career and forced him to step out of the game for some years. He had been more than fairly successful in semi-pro ranks as well as with Salt Lake City of the Pacific Coast League. After he gave up active baseball Webb rose from the role of a carpenter to the head of one of the largest Coast-to-Coast construction organizations in the United States, with offices in New York, Phoenix and Los Angeles. Like Topping, he finds his sports outlet on the golf course where they both shoot in the 70s.



Experts who have covered the amazing five-championship streak of the Yankees have picked the club's unusual reserve strength, the bench, as one of the chief factors contributing to its continuous success. And the man behind the bench is GEORGE M. WEISS, the club's General Manager. Having, since 1932, fed one star after another to the Yankees from the farm system he pioneered for the Bombers, Weiss has kept a steady stream of youngsters moving into Casey Stengel's clubhouse. No front office dugout combination in the game has worked either as smoothly or as successfully. Thrice Weiss has been picked for the "Sporting News" accolade as the No. 1 Executive of Baseball and, at their 1953 dinner, the New York Baseball Writers presented to him the Bill Slocum Award for long and meritorious service to the game—all honors richly deserved.

The Big Four behind the five straight Yankee pennants and World Championships snapped in a pre-game confab during the 1953 World Series. Left to right: George Weiss, Del E. Webb, Casey Stengel and Daniel R. Topping.

J. ARTHUR FRIEDLUND, Director, Secretary and General Counsel of the Yankees, holds similar affiliations with numerous sports promotions in Chicago, Detroit, Indianapolis, Omaha and St. Louis. In addition he is counsel for numerous corporations outside the sports field. Nevertheless, whenever he comes East for a visit to Yankee headquarters, his briefcase usually is bulging with documents covering sports activities which range from baseball to figure skating and from football to fisticuffs.

ROBERT BECKER, Director and Treasurer of the Yankees, is Del Webb's right-hand man in his far-flung construction business. But, like Webb, his baseball interest actually preceded his invasion of the field of building and finance. Becker was born only a few blocks from the site of Yankee Stadium and was a staunch baseball fan even before he went West and joined Webb at Phoenix, Arizona.

Casey Stengel

NOTHING SUCCEEDS LIKE SUCCESS, according to a favorite Yankee adage, and the Yankees' Board of Strategy, depicted on this page, has batted 1.000. Brought together when Casey Stengel took over the leadership of the Bombers in 1949, the staff is an all-Yankee ensemble. Bill Dickey and Frank Crosetti spent all their major league careers in Yankee pin stripes while Jim Turner finished up with the Bombers. Dickey and Crosetti were both selected on the All-Time Yankee team by New York's baseball writers a few Springs ago when the Golden Anniversary year began and Bill Dickey has been voted into Baseball's Hall of Fame.

This triumphant trio is packed with World Series experience. Crosetti, as player and coach, has been in every World Series in which the Yankees have been involved since 1932—fourteen, if you would like to count em. Dickey caught in eight of them and has been the first base coach in five. Jim Turner pitched for the Cincinnati Reds of 1940 and the Yankees of 1942-'43 in addition to his five straight years picking the pitchers with Stengel.

Simple arithmetic brings that to thirty-five years of World Series experience and, tossing in Stengel's 1916 with the Dodgers, 1922 and '23 with the Giants, plus five as pilot of the Yankees, and the Bomber Braintrusters have a composite forty-three years of World Series savvy.

And as Yankees, they've known only *one* October of defeat.

Spring Training spectator . . .

. . . Opening Day, headed for No. 5 . . .

. . . Anxious moments . . .

Board of Strategy

No matter what the season of 1954 or future years may bring to Casey Stengel, the leader of the Bronx Bombers has clinched his place in Baseball's Hall of Fame. In winning five straight pennants and five consecutive World Series, Stengel accomplished what no other manager in the game had been able to record. Joe McCarthy, after four in a row from 1936 through 1939, failed in '40. John J. McGraw's Giants won in the National League from 1921 through 1924 but fell by the wayside in 1925. Stengel's uncanny ability to meet situations of emergency have kept the Yankees rolling in perhaps the greatest managerial maneuvering of all time.

Life was not always as serene for the Skipper. Twice before he had major league teams to manage but neither venture was successful. During his nomadic career, Stengel led both the Dodgers and the Braves but he came to the American League the hard way – via the minors. Dropping from the National League, Stengel piloted teams at Kansas City, Milwaukee and Oakland on his road back to the big time.

With the Yankees he has won while rebuilding. Only nine players who were in Spring training in 1949 when Casey took over the club were still with him when he gathered his men for the 1954 campaign. Only four remained from the 1947 champions piloted by Bucky Harris. Under Stengel there had been more than an eighty percent turnover while WINNING.

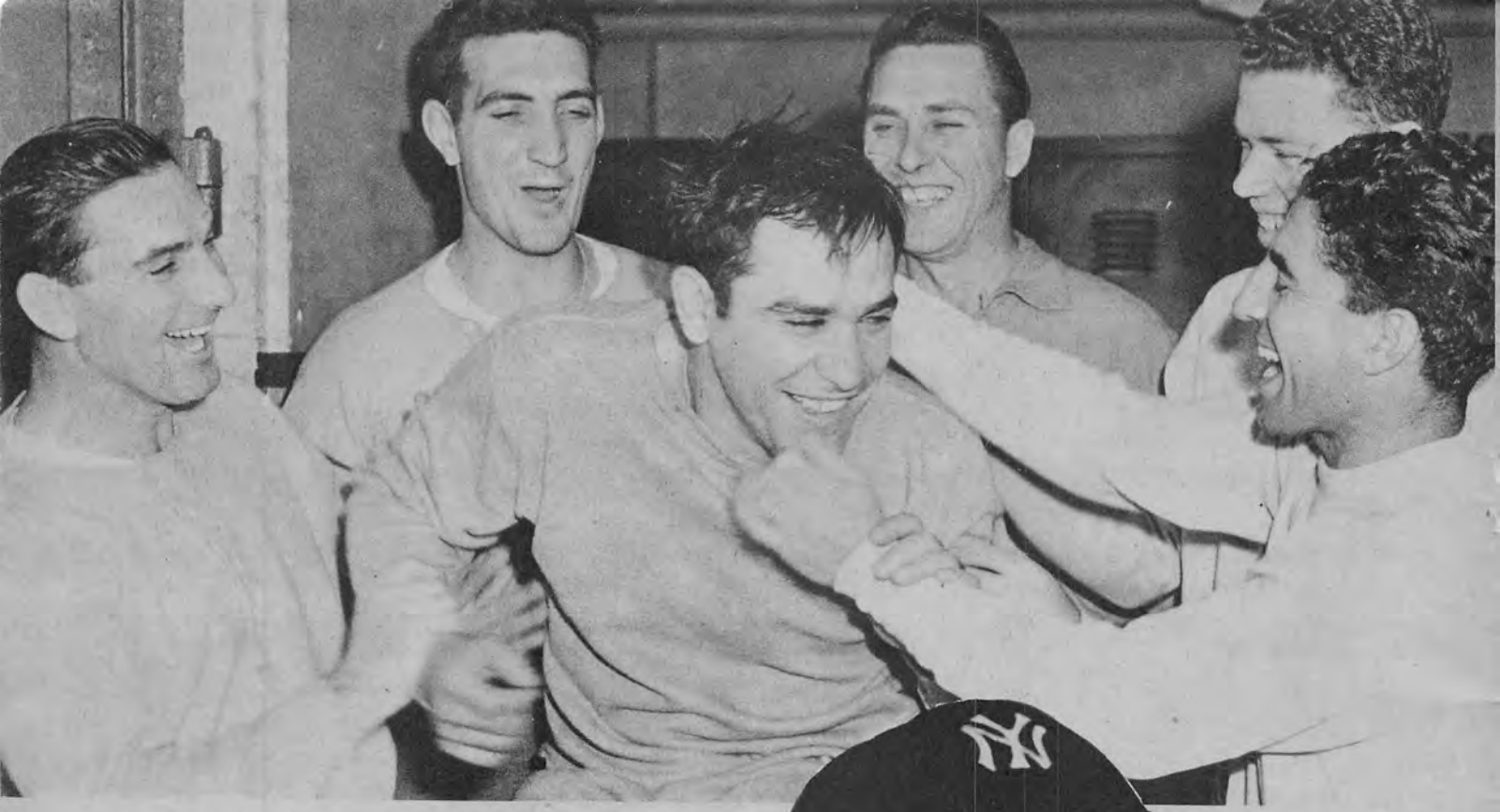
Bill Dickey

Frankie Crosetti

Jim Turner

Winner's Wink . . .

. . . And so . . . this chore again



CAREER HIGHLIGHT . . . Yogi is named Most Valuable Player in 1951 and congratulated by fellow-professors at a Winter Baseball School. Left to right: Sid Gordon, Ralph Branca, the Hero, himself; Gil Hodges, Gil McDougald and Phil Rizzuto.

Over the last four years the most consistent Yankee performer has been Larry (Yogi) Berra. In four years he has never been placed lower than fourth among the Most Valuable Players in the circuit. When Phil Rizzuto won it in 1950, Yogi was third. In 1951 Berra rose to the top. In 1952 he dropped to fourth but last season he zoomed right back to the runner-up role behind Cleveland's Al Rosen. Berra is one of the few men who have been involved in the Yankees' last six pennants. Matter of fact, Yogi has been with the Yankees in only one non-winning season — 1948 — out of seven major league campaigns.

Back in the World Series of '47, Berra, because of his poor throwing, was something of a goat and was tried extensively as an outfielder in 1948. But when Bill Dickey, the All-Time Yankee catcher, rejoined the club, as a coach, Berra's outfielding days became a thing of the past. Dickey has made him the best catcher in the American League, if not in baseball. And Yogi's resounding bat has made him a favorite guy among the pitchers — Yankee pitchers, that is.

Berra began his career in 1943 with Norfolk, spent the next two seasons in Uncle Sam's Navy and needed only part of 1946 to earn his Yankee trial. In five Stengel championship seasons Berra has scored the most runs for the club twice, made the most hits once, hit for the most bases three times, hit the most homers three times and drove in the most runs all five. Nice guy to have on our side!

Larry Berra

LARRY BERRA

Year	Club	League	Pos.	G	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1943	Norfolk	Pied.	C	111	376	95	17	8	7	56	.253
1944-45					Military Service						
1946	Newark	I. L	C-OF	77	277	87	14	1	15	59	.314
1946	New York	A. L.	C	7	22	8	1	0	2	4	.364
1947	New York	A. L.	C-OF	83	293	82	15	3	11	54	.280
1948	New York	A. L.	C-OF	125	469	143	24	10	14	98	.305
1949	New York	A. L.	C	116	415	115	20	2	20	91	.277
1950	New York	A. L.	C	151	597	192	30	6	28	124	.322
1951	New York	A. L.	C	141	547	161	19	4	27	88	.294
1952	New York	A. L.	C	142	534	146	17	1	30	98	.273
1953	New York	A. L.	C	137	503	149	23	5	27	108	.296
	Major League Totals			902	3380	996	149	31	159	665	.295
					World Series Record						
1947	New York	A. L.	C-OF	6	19	3	0	0	1	2	.158
1949	New York	A. L.	C	4	16	1	0	0	0	1	.063
1950	New York	A. L.	C	4	15	3	0	0	1	2	.200
1951	New York	A. L.	C	6	23	6	1	0	0	0	.261
1952	New York	A. L.	C	7	28	6	1	0	2	3	.214
1953	New York	A. L.	C	6	21	9	1	0	1	4	.429
	World Series Totals			33	122	27	3	0	5	12	.221

Early last season Phil Rizzuto showed signs of the wear and tear of nine American League campaigns, plus three years of war service, and there were some who were so bold as to whisper that Mr. Shortstop was hitting the baseball toboggan. But veteran viewers of the Yankees who had felt that way about Phil before decided to wait before making any calamitous calculations — and they were rewarded for their patience. Down the pennant stretch run there wasn't a Yankee scampering around like Li'l Phil. Whenever the dugout conversations got around to Rizzuto, Stengel's oratory rose to new heights. "Amazing, I tell you, he's 'tree-mendous'."

And Rizzuto's Yankee career is "amazing", too. He came up in 1941 and played with two A.L. championship teams before slipping off to the Navy. And since the war, the Bronx Bombers, with their mighty little mite at short, have missed only twice — 1946 and 1948. Thus, in ten campaigns, Rizzuto has taken part in eight World Series. Only two men have played in more —Babe Ruth and Joe DiMaggio, each having participated in ten Classics.

Runner-up to Ted Williams in the Most Valuable Player poll of 1949, Rizzuto went to the top of the pile in '50. The following year he won the Babe Ruth Award as the outstanding player in the exciting World Series with the Giants. And in '52 and '53, Rizzuto continued to amaze his skipper, thwart the skeptics and please the fans — a great little ball player!

Another player who has hit the jackpot since he became a Yankee is Allie Reynolds. The Chief, acquired from the Cleveland Indians in a straight swap for Joe Gordon in the Winter of 1946-'47, has already been in six World Series. And last October when he relieved Whitey Ford in the final game and was credited with the decisive victory, Reynolds moved up all even with another Yankee great, Red Ruffing, at seven Series triumphs.

Each year adds new thrills for the Superchief. In 1951 he pitched a pair of no-hit, no-run games, was picked as the Player of the Year by New York's baseball writers and won the $10,000 Hickok Belt as the nation's top sports figure. In '52 he enjoyed the first twenty-victory campaign of his career, major and minors, topped the American League Earned Run averages at 2.07, and was runner-up in the Most Valuable Player voting. Last year he was the most active Yankee pitcher, starting and relieving in a total of 41 games, then taking part in three more during the October Gold Rush.

Reynolds has a terrific World Series record. He has been beaten only twice and, in fifteen games has thrown a total of 77 1/3 innings for an earned run average of 2.81. Not bad for a fellow who, back in 1942, had to switch from pitching to the outfield. But when the Indians, Allie's owners at that time, suggested he try catching, the Chief went on the warpath. He has been throwing at catchers ever since.

PHIL RIZZUTO

Year	Club	League	Pos.	G	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1937	Bassets	Bi-State	SS	67	284	88	17	5	5	39	.310
1938	Norfolk	Pied.	3B-SS	112	446	150	24	20	9	58	.336
1939	Kansas City	A. A.	SS	135	503	159	21	6	5	64	.316
1940	Kansas City	A. A.	SS	148	579	201	28	10	10	73	.347
1941	New York	A. L.	SS	133	515	158	20	9	3	46	.307
1942	New York	A. L.	SS	144	553	157	24	7	4	68	.284
1943-44-45						Military Service					
1946	New York	A. L.	SS	126	471	121	17	1	2	38	.257
1947	New York	A. L.	SS	153	549	150	26	9	2	60	.273
1948	New York	A. L.	SS	128	464	117	13	2	6	50	.252
1949	New York	A. L.	SS	153	614	169	22	7	5	64	.275
1950	New York	A. L.	SS	155	617	200	36	7	7	66	.324
1951	New York	A. L.	SS	144	540	148	21	6	2	43	.274
1952	New York	A. L.	SS	152	578	147	24	10	2	43	.254
1953	New York	A. L.	SS	134	413	112	21	3	2	54	.271
	Major League Totals			1422	5314	1479	224	61	35	532	.278
						World Series Record					
1941	New York	A. L.	SS	5	18	2	0	0	0	0	.111
1942	New York	A. L.	SS	5	21	8	0	0	1	1	.381
1947	New York	A. L.	SS	7	26	8	1	0	0	2	.308
1949	New York	A. L.	SS	5	18	3	0	0	0	1	.167
1950	New York	A. L.	SS	4	14	2	0	0	0	0	.143
1951	New York	A. L.	SS	6	25	8	0	0	1	3	.320
1952	New York	A. L.	SS	7	27	4	1	0	0	0	.148
1953	New York	A. L.	SS	6	19	6	1	0	0	0	.316
	World Series Totals			45	168	41	3	0	2	7	.244

ALLIE REYNOLDS

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1939	Springfield	M.-Atl.	24	155	11	8	121	76	62	140	107	3.60
1940	Cedar Rapids	I. I. I.	30	178	12	7	170	86	71	131	88	3.59
1941	Wilkes Barre	East.	3	6 2/3	0	0	13	.....	.....	0	4	.....
1941	Cedar Rapids	I. I. I.	27	167	10	10	173	101	86	153	97	4.63
1942	Wilkes Barre	I. L.	32	231	18	7	143	54	40	193	102	1.56
1942	Cleveland	A. L.	2	5	0	0	5	1	0	2	4	0.00
1943	Cleveland	A. L.	34	199	11	12	140	72	66	151	109	2.98
1944	Cleveland	A. L.	28	158	11	8	141	63	58	84	91	3.30
1945	Cleveland	A. L.	44	247	18	12	227	102	88	112	130	3.21
1946	Cleveland	A. L.	31	183	11	15	180	93	79	107	108	3.89
1947	New York	A. L.	34	242	19	8	207	94	86	129	123	3.20
1948	New York	A. L.	39	236	16	7	240	108	99	101	111	3.78
1949	New York	A. L.	35	214	17	6	200	102	95	105	123	4.00
1950	New York	A. L.	35	241	16	12	215	108	100	160	138	3.73
1951	New York	A. L.	40	221	17	8	171	84	75	126	100	3.05
1952	New York	A. L.	35	244	20	8	194	70	56	160	197	2.07
1953	New York	A. L.	41	145	13	7	140	64	55	86	61	3.41
	Major League Totals		398	2335	169	103	2060	961	857	1323	1195	3.31
						World Series Record						
1947	New York	A. L.	2	11 1/3	1	0	15	7	6	6	3	4.74
1949	New York	A. L.	2	12 1/3	1	0	2	0	0	14	4	0.00
1950	New York	A. L.	2	10 1/3	1	0	7	1	1	7	4	0.90
1951	New York	A. L.	2	15	1	1	16	7	7	8	11	4.19
1952	New York	A. L.	4	20 1/3	2	1	12	4	4	18	6	1.80
1953	New York	A. L.	3	8	1	0	9	6	6	9	4	6.75
	World Series Totals		15	77 1/3	7	2	61	25	24	62	32	2.81

Hank Bauer

Five full seasons in the American League, five pennants, five World Championships! That's the enviable and unmatched record of "Mr. Hustle," otherwise known as hard-hitting Hank Bauer, rightfielder of the Bronx Bombers. Chances are Hank would have been up with the Yankees earlier but a lengthy military career (five years in the Marines) postponed his professional getaway until 1946. He didn't take long to make the climb to the majors, however. His bat thundered a .323 tune at Quincy and .313 and .305 at Kansas City. And his extrabase blasts increased as he moved up. So, late in '48, the Yankees put in an emergency call for Hank. He has been up here ever since. Hank's lifetime batting average is close to .300 and he has had two seasons above that mark, a sizzling .320 in 1950 when he challenged for the league batting crown, and a .304 last year when he fell only two points behind Gene Woodling in his bid to be the top Yankee thumper. The day Hank will never forget was the final game of the 1951 World Series with the Giants when his base-clearing triple set up the Yankees' winning margin and his diving catch of a liner by Sal Yvars saved the day.

HANK BAUER

Year	Club	League	Pos.	G	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1941	Oshkosh	*Wis. S.	OF-INF	108	405	106	22	6	10	86	.262
1942-43-44-45					Military Service						
1946	Quincy	I. I. I.	OF	109	480	139	24	8	12	90	.323
1947	Kansas City	A. A.	OF	131	457	143	32	5	16	79	.313
1948	Kansas City	A. A.	OF	132	541	165	32	11	23	100	.305
1948	New York	A. L.	OF	19	50	9	1	1	1	9	.180
1949	New York	A. L.	OF	103	301	82	6	6	10	45	.272
1950	New York	A. L.	OF	113	415	133	16	2	13	70	.320
1951	New York	A. L.	OF	118	348	103	19	3	10	54	.296
1952	New York	A. L.	OF	141	553	162	31	6	17	74	.293
1953	New York	A. L.	OF	133	437	133	20	6	10	57	.304
Major League Totals				627	2104	622	102	24	61	309	.296

*Also 11 games, won 2, lost 1 as a pitcher in 1941.

World Series Record

1949	New York	A. L.	OF	3	6	1	0	0	0	0	.167
1950	New York	A. L.	OF	4	15	2	0	0	0	1	.133
1951	New York	A. L.	OF	6	18	3	0	1	0	3	.167
1952	New York	A. L.	OF	7	18	1	0	0	0	1	.056
1953	New York	A. L.	OF	6	23	6	0	1	0	1	.261
World Series Totals				26	80	13	0	2	0	6	.163

Mickey Mantle

In his third year with the Yankees, Mickey Mantle hit .295, drove in 92 runs, blasted 24 homers and added two circuit smashes in the World Series, including a Grand Slam job which wrapped up the vital fifth game — and yet critics said he had a poor season! That is a backhanded compliment for it indicates how much is expected of this brilliant youngster. He operated over the last third of the season badly hobbled by an injured knee, which necessitated mid-Winter surgery.

No Yankee has been handed a bigger assignment than has Mantle. His only job was to don Joe DiMaggio's spikes. After the Yankee Clipper retired following the 1951 World Series, Mantle took over. He had a wonderful sophomore year, hoisting his batting average from .267 to the club's leading average of .311. That was exactly his average last Summer when, on August 8, he slipped under a slicing liner to left center and suffered the knee injury which hampered him the rest of the way. It was as a left-handed swinger he was badly handicapped. Down the six-weeks stretch he batted only .200 from the first base side of the plate and his over-all average dropped sixteen points.

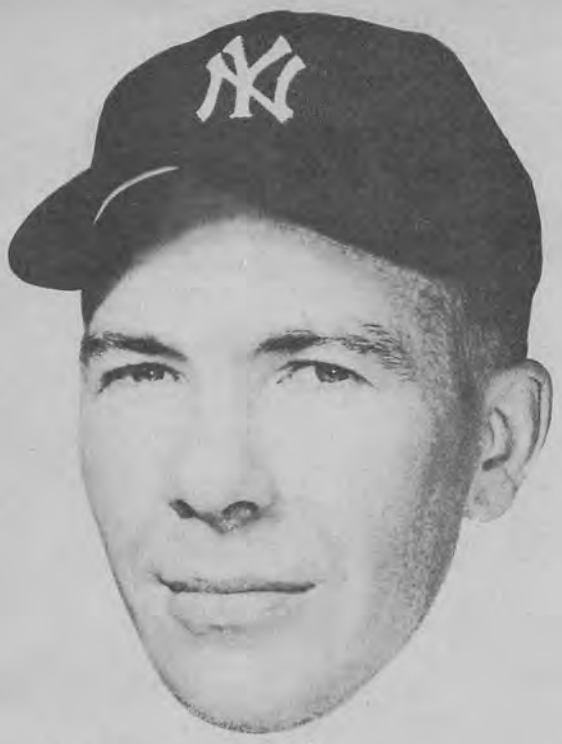
But he had the last laugh on his critics who suggested he swing right-handed, only, during the World Series. He hit homers from both sides of the plate and the Grand Slam poke was as a left-hander!

MICKEY MANTLE

Year	Club	League	Pos.	G	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1949	Inde'ence	K. O. M.	SS	87	314	101	15	7	7	63	.322
1950	Joplin	West.	SS	137	519	199	30	12	26	136	.383
1951	New York	A. L.	OF	96	341	91	11	5	13	65	.267
1951	Kansas City	A. A.	OF	40	166	60	9	3	11	50	.361
1952	New York	A. L.	OF	142	549	171	37	7	23	87	.311
1953	New York	A. L.	OF	127	461	136	24	3	21	92	.295
Major League Totals				365	1351	398	72	15	57	244	.295

World Series Record

1951	New York	A. L.	OF	2	5	1	0	0	0	0	.200
1952	New York	A. L.	OF	7	29	10	1	1	2	3	.345
1953	New York	A. L.	OF	6	24	5	0	0	2	7	.208
World Series Totals				15	58	16	1	1	4	10	.276



Bob Kuzava

Joe Collins

Every year since he was traded to the Yankees has uncovered a new thrill for bullet-balling Bob Kuzava, the likeable southpaw from Wyandotte, Mich. In 1951 Casey Stengel laughed at baseball percentages and called in Bob to face a string of right-handed batters at the close of the World Series with the Giants. And Bob, aided by a tumbling catch by Hank Bauer, snuffed out the Polo Grounds' forces. Then in '52 Kuzava was the mop-up man again and this time it was a shoestring catch by Billy Martin which brought Kuzava's heart into his throat. Last season Kuzava had his nerve-jangling experience a bit earlier. On August 8 he hurled a near no-hitter against the Chicago White Sox. For eight innings, Bob mowed the Chisox down. Bases on balls in the first, fifth and seventh were his only slips. He then got by the first batter in the ninth, pinch-hitter Bob Elliott. But Boyd Boyd pulled a double over Billy Martin's head into right-center and a screaming Ladies Day crowd of 68,529 mourned with Kuzava.

BOB KUZAVA

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1941	Mansfield	O. State	15	100	5	7	108	60	.....	104	36	.....
1942	Charleston	M.-Atl.	34	235	21	6	188	58	45	129	81	1.72
1943-44-45						Military Service						
1946	Wilkes Barre	East.	26	217	14	6	176	70	57	207	73	2.36
1946	Cleveland	A. L.	2	12	1	0	9	7	4	4	11	3.00
1947	Baltimore	I. L.	30	224	14	13	197	95	79	112	76	3.17
1947	Cleveland	A. L.	4	22	1	1	22	10	10	9	9	4.09
1948	Baltimore	I. L.	30	192	9	16	179	117	103	154	113	4.83
1949	Chicago	A. L.	29	157	10	6	139	76	70	83	91	4.01
1950	Chi.-Wash.	A. L.	32	199	9	10	199	108	96	105	102	4.34
1951	Wash.-N. Y.	A. L.	31	135	11	7	133	61	54	72	55	3.60
1952	New York	A. L.	28	133	8	8	115	53	51	67	63	3.45
1953	New York	A. L.	33	92	6	5	92	35	34	48	34	3.33
	Major League Totals		159	750	46	37	709	350	319	388	365	3.88
						World Series Record						
1951	New York	A. L.	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
1952	New York	A. L.	1	2 2/3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0.00
1953	New York	A. L.	1	2/3	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	13.50
	World Series Totals		3	4 1/3	0	0	2	1	1	3	0	2.09

Since the passing of Lou Gehrig the Yankees have had a traffic jam around first base every Spring. In recent years, however, the No. 1 man when the season got under way has been Joe Collins and Joe's strongest booster is Casey Stengel, his pilot. Casey holds that Joe is a very much underrated ball player and points to his extra-base clouts which may be compared favorably with any other first baseman in the league. Collins, a streak hitter, is hottest against the Chicago White Sox, particularly in Comiskey Park. Early last season, when the Yankees were fashioning their 18-game winning streak (which broke the back of the opposition and virtually clinched that fifth straight pennant) Collins was the hottest batter on the club. He put together a 14-game hitting streak, himself, in which he bombarded enemy hurlers for an average of .373. In a three-game series swept in Chicago he made 8 hits in 16 times at bat for a cool .500 and threw in a double and two homers just for good measure. It was Joe's lusty homer which broke a 5-5 tie in the opening game of the 1953 World Series and a later single clinched the getaway triumph.

JOE COLLINS

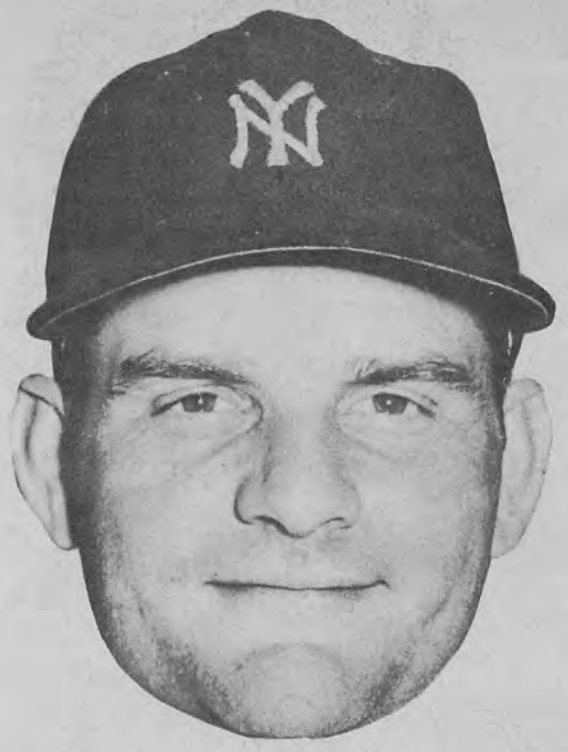
Year	Club	League	Pos.	G	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1940	Butler	Pa. S.	1B	99	381	122	16	5	0	69	.320
1941	Akron	M. Atl.	1B	116	459	114	27	10	4	52	.248
1942	Norfolk	Pied.	1B	23	90	12	0	0	0	7	.133
1942	Amsterdam	Can.-A.	1B	73	270	92	18	5	6	48	.341
1943	Springfield	East.	1B	70	254	66	12	6	0	30	.260
1943-44-45						Military Service					
1946	Beaumont	Texas	1B	52	184	42	6	3	1	12	.225
1946	Newark	I. L.	1B	67	243	66	10	3	6	31	.272
1947	Birmingham	South.	1B-OF	48	189	68	13	7	6	31	.360
1947	Newark	I. L.	1B	98	364	99	10	4	17	53	.272
1948	Newark	I. L	1B-OF	139	512	140	25	6	23	76	.273
1948	New York	A. L.	1B	5	5	1	1	0	0	2	.200
1949	Kansas City	A. A.	1B	146	530	169	25	18	20	83	.319
1949	New York	A. L.	1B	7	10	1	0	0	0	4	.100
1950	New York	A. L.	1B-OF	108	205	48	8	3	8	28	.234
1951	New York	A. L.	1B-OF	125	262	75	8	5	9	48	.286
1952	New York	A. L.	1B	122	428	120	16	8	18	59	.280
1953	New York	A. L.	1B	127	387	104	11	2	17	44	.269
	Major League Totals			494	1297	349	44	18	52	185	.269
						World Series Record					
1950	New York	A. L.	1B	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
1951	New York	A. L.	1B-OF	6	18	4	0	0	1	3	.222
1952	New York	A. L.	1B	6	12	0	0	0	0	0	.000
1953	New York	A. L.	1B	6	24	4	1	0	1	2	.167
	World Series Totals			19	54	8	1	0	2	5	.148

Eddie Robinson

One of the cannonaders of the American League was added to the Yankee roster last Winter when Eddie Robinson, left-handed hitting first baseman of the Philadelphia Athletics was landed in the same deal which brought Harry Byrd to Yankee Stadium. For Handsome Eddie, the move to New York was the happiest of four deals in which he had been involved during his major league career. New York was club No. 5. He started in Cleveland, shifted to Washington, landed in Chicago and moved on to Philadelphia before the Yankees got him the day after his thirty-third birthday. For three straight years Robinson has driven in more than 100 runs. For three straight years he has topped twenty homers — and now he's in a ball park which is built for his pulled shots down the right field line. "But, best of all," says Eddie, "I don't have to face Ed Lopat anymore. He really wore me out."

EDDIE ROBINSON

Year	Club	League	Pos.	G	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1939	Valdosta	Ga.-Fla.	1B	136	518	129	22	7	7	88	.249
1940	Valdosta	Ga.-Fla.	1B	137	569	184	20	21	8	105	.323
1941	Elmira	East.	1B	139	491	145	18	14	4	78	.295
1942	Baltimore	I. L.	1B	143	526	161	21	7	27	104	.306
1942	Cleveland	A. L.	1B	8	8	1	0	0	0	2	.125
1943-45				Military Service							
1946	Baltimore	I. L.	1B	140	528	168	25	5	34	123	.318
1946	Cleveland	A. L.	1B	7	27	11	0	0	3	4	.407
1947	Cleveland	A. L.	1B	95	318	78	10	1	14	52	.245
1948	Cleveland	A. L.	1B	134	493	125	18	5	16	83	.254
1949	Washington	A. L.	1B	143	527	155	27	3	18	78	.294
1950	Wash.-Chi.	A. L.	1B	155	553	163	15	4	21	86	.295
1951	Chicago	A. L.	1B	151	564	159	23	5	29	117	.282
1952	Chicago	A. L.	1B	155	594	176	33	1	22	104	.296
1953	Philadelphia	A. L.	1B	156	615	152	28	4	22	102	.247
	Major League Totals			1004	3699	1020	154	23	145	628	.278
				World Series Record							
1948	Cleveland	A. L.	1B	6	20	6	0	0	0	1	.300



Harry Byrd

One of the biggest baseball trades of all time — a 13-player transaction involving the Yankees, A's, Kansas City Blues and Toronto Leafs — brought burly Harry Byrd, prize of the package deal, to the Yankees last Winter. Winner of fifteen games for the second-division A's of 1952 and voted the Rookie of the Year in the American League, Byrd had been sought by at least two other contending clubs. A strong-armed right-hander, the South Carolina farmer has an unusual strikeout record. He fanned 172 his first year, reached a peak of 180 the season before the A's brought him up from the Class A Sally League. Even last year, when he won 11 and suffered 20 defeats, Byrd, who worked 237 innings, struck out 122 batters, being one of the eight men in the league with 100-or-more strikeouts.

HARRY BYRD

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1946	Martinsville	Caro.	38	236	15	12	224	125	.....	172	108	.....
1947	Savannah	Sally	38	199	16	13	221	148	123	115	103	5.56
1948	Savannah	Sally	42	233	15	15	223	140	106	118	101	4.09
1949	Savannah	Sally	10	54	2	8	51	32	28	42	34	4.67
1949	Martinsville	Caro.	5	41	3	1	41	19	.....	35	10	.....
1950	Philadelphia	A. L.	6	11	0	0	25	20	20	2	9	16.36
1950	Buffalo	I. L.	21	108	4	9	134	91	81	66	65	6.75
1951	Savannah	Sally	33	248	18	14	239	124	99	180	107	3.59
1952	Philadelphia	A. L.	37	228	15	15	244	100	84	116	98	3.32
1953	Philadelphia	A. L.	40	237	11	20	279	155	145	122	115	5.51
	Major League Totals		83	476	26	35	548	275	249	230	222	4.71

Ed Lopat

Ed "Whitey" Ford

When Ed (Whitey) Ford returned from military service last Spring, Ed Lopat took him under his wing. With Casey Stengel's blessing, Lopat gave the youngster sound advice and some special tips on batters around the league. Before the season was concluded the professor-student relationship also was spiced by good-natured rivalry for league leadership. They ran one-two in the percentage column (Lopat at .800 and Ford at .750) but late-season difficulties dropped Ford down to fourth in ERA, in a tie with Johnny Sain, at 3.00 while Lopat led at 2.43. In one respect, however, Whitey topped his "boss" when he won 18 games, first among the Yankees. Ford, a product of New York's sandlots, was signed by Paul Krichell. Eddie's advance through the farm system was rapid because he improved in performance as he moved up — a true indication of his ability. In mid-season, 1951, he joined the Yankees, scored nine straight victories before losing one and then was a victor in the final game of the World Series sweep against the Phillies. During his war service he picked up another happy trait — the ability to hit — and twice during the '53 season had four-hit afternoons. Which gave him No. 1 oratorial rights among the pitchers until the game Vic Raschi set an all-time record for pitchers by driving in seven runs. Even Ford was quiet about his hitting after that episode.

EDDIE FORD

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1947	Butler	M.-Atl.	24	157	13	4	151	86	67	114	58	3.84
1948	Norfolk	Pied.	30	216	16	8	182	83	62	171	113	2.58
1949	Binghamton	East.	26	168	16	5	118	38	30	151	54	1.61
1950	Kansas City	A. A.	12	95	6	3	81	39	34	80	48	3.22
1950	New York	A. L.	20	112	9	1	87	39	35	59	52	2.81
1951-52					Military Service							
1953	New York	A. L.	32	207	18	6	187	77	69	110	110	3.00
	Major League Totals		52	319	27	7	274	116	104	169	162	2.93
					World Series Record							
1950	New York	A. L.	1	8 2/3	1	0	7	2	0	7	1	0.00
1953	New York	A. L.	2	8	0	1	9	4	4	7	2	4.50
	World Series Totals		3	16 2/3	1	1	16	6	4	14	3	2.12

In the latter pages of this Sketch Book will be found a listing of men who have led the Yankees in various departments of pitching, dating back to 1920. Over that span there have been only three Yankees who led the American League in the major departments — Earned Run Averages and Percentage of Victories — the same season. Tom Zachary accomplished the dual leadership in 1929 and Spud Chandler's great 1943 campaign placed him at the top of both lists. And last year Eddie Lopat had such a year. He won 16, while losing 4 for a percentage of .800 and his ERA of 2.43 likewise was tops for the Harridge Loop. Just for good measure Eddie flipped a vital victory over the Dodgers in the second game of the World Series, besting Preacher Roe in a southpaw duel, 4 to 2. Leading the league was something new for Eddie but he has been the top Yankee starting pitcher (rated by Earned Runs) every year but 1952 since he came to the Bombers in 1948. His 1953 campaign extended a comeback he inaugurated midway through the '52 season. It was feared he would be sidelined permanently by a sore shoulder but after a six-weeks layoff, Lopat came back to win five straight in '52 and also his first eight decisions in '53 for thirteen in a row. He went almost a full year without defeat — from July 2, 1952 to June 27, 1953. Small wonder he's known as "Steady Eddie."

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1937	Greensburg	Pa. State			(Played first base)							
1937	Jeanerette	Evan.	6	30	0	2	32	28	.....	18	18	.....
1938	Jeanerette	Evan.	23	178	12	7	159	65	54	103	73	2.73
1938	Kilgore	E. Tex.	11	79	5	4	65	37	30	39	58	3.42
1938	Shreveport	Texas	3	19	1	2	23	16	11	7	13	5.21
1939	Longview	E. Tex.	29	226	16	9	193	88	53	169	92	2.11
1940	Shreveport	Texas	15	47	0	3	51	39	31	25	24	5.94
1940	Marshall	E. Tex.	24	154	7	9	161	82	59	94	51	3.45
1941	Salina	W. A.	31	176	11	15	206	102	75	104	71	3.83
1941	Okla. City	Texas	7	51	3	4	43	19	10	22	13	1.76
1942	Okla. City	Texas	32	122	6	7	117	65	45	55	52	3.32
1942	Little Rock	South.	12	71	6	4	59	25	21	41	24	2.66
1943	Little Rock	South.	32	245	19	10	258	103	83	96	62	3.05
1944	Chicago	A. L.	27	210	11	10	217	96	76	75	59	3.26
1945	Chicago	A. L.	26	199	10	13	226	101	91	74	56	4.12
1946	Chicago	A. L.	29	231	13	13	216	80	70	89	48	2.73
1947	Chicago	A. L.	31	253	16	13	241	88	79	109	73	2.81
1948	New York	A. L.	33	227	17	11	246	106	92	83	66	3.65
1949	New York	A. L.	31	215	15	10	222	93	78	70	69	3.27
1950	New York	A. L.	35	236	18	8	244	110	91	72	65	3.47
1951	New York	A. L.	31	235	21	9	209	86	76	93	71	2.91
1952	New York	A. L.	20	149	10	5	127	47	42	56	53	2.54
1953	New York	A. L.	25	178	16	4	169	58	48	50	32	2.43
	Major League Totals		288	2133	147	96	2117	865	743	771	592	3.13
					World Series Record							
1949	New York	A. L.	1	5 2/3	1	0	9	4	4	4	1	7.20
1950	New York	A. L.	1	8	0	0	9	2	2	5	0	2.25
1951	New York	A. L.	2	18	2	0	10	2	1	4	3	0.50
1952	New York	A. L.	2	11 1/3	0	1	14	6	6	3	4	4.91
1953	New York	A. L.	1	9	1	0	9	2	2	3	4	2.00
	World Series Totals		7	52	4	1	51	16	15	19	12	2.60

Gene Woodling

Top hitter of the Yankees last year was Gene Woodling, whose average of .306 was two points up on his outfielding companion, Hank Bauer. With Mantle's .295 added, the Yankees had a regular threesome which batted a composite .302—a major factor in landing another flag. Woodling is at his best against the top contenders. He used to play for Cleveland. Now he delights in beating them. On his way up to the majors, Gene grabbed the batting championship of just about every league in which he played. Still, he was turned back by the Indians and Pirates. Finally, after he won the Pacific Coast crown for San Francisco in '48, George Weiss landed him in a deal and this time Woodling stuck. He has been one of the most potent sluggers in five successive World Series. His over-all Series average is .318 but that tells only half the story. His slugging average, thanks to five doubles, two triples and three homers, is a noisy .529. But for all his World Series exploits, the hit that probably gave him his greatest thrill was a home run off Bob Feller July 12, 1951. It won a ball game, 1 to 0, and put Woodling in the spotlight with another ex-Indian, Allie Reynolds, who picked that occasion to pitch a no-hit, no-run game in the park both once called home.

GENE WOODLING

Year	Club	League	Pos.	G	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1940	Mansfield	O. State	OF	85	332	132	29	6	4	68	.398
1941	Charleston	M. Atl.	OF	13	46	10	2	1	0	5	.217
1941	Flint	Mich. S.	OF	92	386	152	30	5	7	52	.394
1942	Wilkes Barre	East.	OF	39	120	23	4	2	1	11	.192
1943	Wilkes Barre	East.	OF	128	453	156	30	8	5	61	.344
1943	Cleveland	A. L.	OF	8	25	8	2	1	1	5	.320
1944-45						Military Service					
1946	Cleveland	A. L.	OF	61	133	25	1	4	0	9	.188
1947	Pittsburgh	N. L.	OF	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
1947	Newark	I. L.	OF	128	477	138	19	8	8	54	.289
1948	San Francisco	P. C. L.	OF	146	524	202	22	13	22	107	.385
1949	New York	A. L.	OF	112	296	80	13	7	5	44	.270
1950	New York	A. L.	OF	122	449	127	20	10	6	60	.283
1951	New York	A. L.	OF	120	420	118	15	8	15	71	.281
1952	New York	A. L.	OF	122	408	126	19	6	12	63	.309
1953	New York	A. L.	OF	125	395	121	26	4	10	58	.306
	Major League Totals			692	2205	626	98	42	49	320	.284
						World Series Record					
1949	New York	A. L.	OF	3	10	4	3	0	0	0	.400
1950	New York	A. L.	OF	4	14	6	0	0	0	1	.429
1951	New York	A. L.	OF	6	18	3	1	1	1	1	.167
1952	New York	A. L.	OF	7	23	8	1	1	1	1	.348
1953	New York	A. L.	OF	6	20	6	0	0	1	3	.300
	World Series Totals			26	85	27	5	2	3	6	.318

Billy Martin

A fiery competitor at his best when the going is toughest, Billy (The Kid) Martin last October put on a World Series show which, in many respects, had never been accomplished. In a six-game series he made twelve hits and no batter had ever made that many in fewer than seven games. He batted .500. That mark had been topped only by Babe Ruth's .625 in a four-game series in 1928. His hits were good for 23 bases and only Duke Snider's 24 bases (in a 7-game series) bettered that. He drove in eight runs and only Lou Gehrig, driving in nine, had improved on that. He handled twenty-seven fielding chances without an error — and he drove in Hank Bauer with the run which sewed up the Yankees' 5th straight series. Needless to say, he was a unanimous choice as the winner of the Babe Ruth Memorial Plaque, awarded annually to the top star of the World Series. The October Classic brings out the best in Martin. It was his nerve-jostling shoestring catch of an infield fly, with the bases loaded in the seventh game of the '52 series, which saved the Yankees — a $70,000 catch for Billy and his team mates. Despite a .257 batting average in '53, Martin drove in 75 Yankee runs, hit 15 home runs and starred afield. He got his big chance with the Bombers when Jerry Coleman returned to service as a Marine Bombing pilot early in '52.

BILLY MARTIN

Year	Club	League	Pos.	G	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1946	Idaho Falls	Pioneer	2B	32	114	29	7	0	0	12	.254
1947	Phoenix	Ariz.-T.	2B	130	586	230	48	12	9	174	.392
1948	Oakland	P. C. L.	2B	132	401	111	28	2	3	42	.277
1949	Oakland	P. C. L.	2B	172	623	178	27	3	12	92	.286
1950	New York	A. L.	2B	34	36	9	1	0	1	8	.250
1950	Kansas City	A. A.	2B	29	118	33	6	2	4	10	.280
1951	New York	A. L.	2B-SS	51	58	15	1	2	0	2	.259
1952	New York	A. L.	2B	109	363	97	13	3	3	33	.267
1953	New York	A. L.	2B	149	587	151	24	6	15	75	.257
	Major League Totals			343	1044	272	39	11	19	118	.262
						World Series Record					
1951	New York	A. L.	PR	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
1952	New York	A. L.	2B	7	23	5	0	0	1	4	.217
1953	New York	A. L.	2B	6	24	12	1	2	2	8	.500
	World Series Totals			14	47	17	1	2	3	12	.362

Jerry Coleman

Gil McDougald

Back in the Spring of 1949, when Casey Stengel was inaugurating his record-smashing streak of five straight pennants, the rookie who caught his eye at St. Petersburg, Fla., was Jerry Coleman, stylish infielder. Jerry's .251 batting average at Newark in 1948 put two strikes on the likeable ex-Marine bomber pilot but Coleman refused to take that third strike. To make a long story short, he not only stayed with the Yankees but became the Rookie of the Year, starred in World Series of 1949, 1950 (when he won the Babe Ruth Award as the top series star) and 1951 and then, with a .405 batting average over the first couple of weeks of the 1952 campaign, left for his second tour of duty with the United States Marine Flyers in Korea. While others were saddened by Jerry's second call to the colors at the height of his baseball career, Coleman pointed out that he was fortunate to have made the Yankees, played in three World Series and now honored to serve his country again. Late last year Captain Jerry Coleman came back to the Bronx Bombers and there was a day staged for him at the Yankee Stadium none who attended will ever forget. Now he's on the comeback trail on the infield and no Yankee player has more fans in his corner.

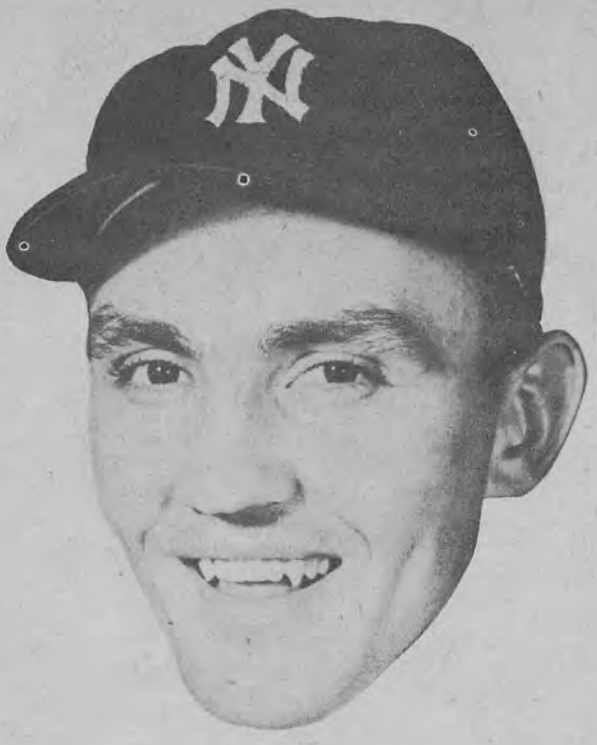
Only four men in the history of World Series play have hit Grand Slam home runs. Three of them are Yankees — Tony Lazzeri, Mickey Mantle and Gil McDougald. But Gil is the only batter who ever hit one as a Rookie. His thrill-of-a-lifetime poke came in the 1951 series with the Giants. That same year Gil led the Yankees in hitting at .306 and was declared the Rookie of the Year in the American League. His average drooped somewhat in '52 but once again, come World Series time, he was the bomber of old, driving in three more runs for a two-series total of ten runs batted in. Of course he hit another homer. Then, in the World Series with the Dodgers last October, Mauling Mac hit two home runs, chipped in a triple and blasted four more tallies over the plate. The National League hasn't stopped him yet. Using one of baseball's strangest batting stances, Gil moved up fast through the Yankees farm system with averages of .340, .344 and .336, making the climb in three seasons.

JERRY COLEMAN

Year	Club	League	Pos.	G	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1942	Wellesville	Pony	3B	83	289	88	3	1	4	52	.304
1943-44-45			Military Service								
1946	Kansas City	A. A.	3B	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	.333
1946	Binghamton	East.	3B-SS	134	487	134	25	3	4	53	.275
1947	Kansas City	A. A.	3B	131	446	124	15	6	6	57	.278
1948	Newark	I. L.	2B-SS-3B	142	491	123	26	1	8	62	.251
1949	New York	A. L.	2B	128	447	123	21	5	2	42	.275
1950	New York	A. L.	2B	153	522	150	19	6	6	69	.287
1951	New York	A. L.	2B-SS	121	362	90	11	2	3	43	.249
1952	New York	A. L.	2B	11	42	17	2	1	0	4	.405
	Major League Totals			413	1373	380	53	14	11	158	.277
1953	New York*	A. L.	2B								
	*Most of 1952-53 in Military Service										
			World Series Record								
1949	New York	A. L.	2B	5	20	5	3	0	0	4	.250
1950	New York	A. L.	2B	4	14	4	1	0	0	3	.286
1951	New York	A. L.	2B	5	8	2	0	0	0	0	.250
	World Series Totals			14	42	11	4	0	0	7	.262

GIL McDOUGALD

Year	Club	League	Pos.	G	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1948	Twin Falls	Pioneer	2B	101	415	141	18	5	16	66	.340
1949	Victoria	W. Int.	2B	140	547	188	44	7	13	116	.344
1950	Beaumont	Texas	2B	152	557	187	21	13	13	115	.336
1951	New York	A. L.	2B-3B	131	402	123	23	4	14	63	.306
1952	New York	A. L.	3B	152	555	146	16	5	11	78	.263
1953	New York	A. L.	3B	141	541	154	27	7	10	83	.285
	Major League Totals			424	1498	423	66	16	35	224	.281
			World Series Record								
1951	New York	A. L.	3B	6	23	6	1	0	1	7	.261
1952	New York	A. L.	3B	7	25	5	0	0	1	3	.200
1953	New York	A. L.	3B	6	24	4	0	1	2	4	.167
	World Series Totals			19	72	15	1	1	4	14	.208



A newspaperman from the Coast visited the Yankees during the 1953 season and sought a feature story on Irv Noren, California resident and Yankee outfielder. "He's the best No. 4 outfielder in baseball," quoth Casey Stengel. "He can play center, right or left — and fill in at first base in a pinch, too. And he's a rough guy at that plate in a tight spot." One-time Brooklyn property, Noren, picked as the most valuable player in the Texas League and also in the Pacific Coast League before the Dodgers sold him to Washington, came to the Yankees early in 1952 in the deal which sent Jackie Jensen and Spec Shea to Griffith Stadium. As late as mid-August Noren was challenging the .300 mark at the plate last year although he dropped to .267 by season's end. His forty-six runs batted in, however, indicate clearly that he delivered often in the pinches.

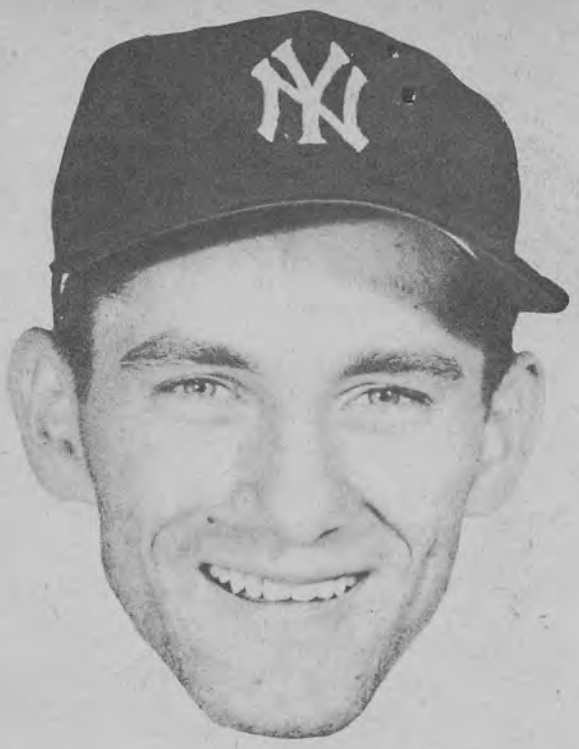
One of the finest comebacks of 1953 was staged by Jim McDonald, the stocky right-hander acquired from the St. Louis Browns in exchange for Clint Courtney in the Winter of 1951-'52. Jim admittedly had something less than a fair season and was very much on the trading block, with no takers, the following Winter. But Jim refused to give up on himself, asked for permission to join a rookie camp at Lake Wales, Fla., before the '53 season and worked his way back to the firing line as a Yankee starter. By July he was taking a regular turn and made his first complete game as a Yankee a 5-hit shutout against the A's. He flipped another whitewash job against the Senators, allowing only four hits. He was a surprise starter in the fifth game of the World Series and, although hoisted in the eighth, was credited with the victory which put the Yankees out front and on the way to their fifth straight World Championship. It was a great personal triumph.

IRV NOREN

Year	Club	League	Pos.	G	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1946	Santa Barbara	Calif.	OF	130	518	188	33	14	11	129	.363
1947	Forth Worth	Texas	OF-1B	149	598	162	33	10	2	72	.271
1948	Fort Worth	Texas	OF-1B	135	498	161	34	4	10	71	.323
1949	Hollywood	P. C. L.	OF	180	678	224	40	6	29	130	.330
1950	Washington	A. L.	OF-1B	138	542	160	27	10	14	98	.295
1951	Washington	A. L.	OF-1B	129	509	142	33	5	8	86	.279
1952	Wash.-N. Y.	A. L.	OF-1B	105	321	76	16	3	5	23	.237
1953	New York	A. L.	OF	109	345	92	12	6	6	46	.267
	Major League Totals			481	1717	470	88	24	33	253	.274
				World Series Record							
1952	New York	A. L.	OF	4	10	3	0	0	0	1	.300
1953	New York	A. L.	PH	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
	World Series Totals			6	11	3	0	0	0	1	.273

JIM McDONALD

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1945	Scranton	East.	11	88	7	3	93	36	24	23	32	2.45
1946	Lynn	N. E.	15	79	6	3	93	48	41	23	25	4.67
1947	Scranton	East.	32	152	10	8	152	77	60	61	62	3.55
1948	Scranton	East.	25	182	13	4	164	57	50	78	44	2.47
1949	Birmingham	South.	31	223	16	9	211	94	78	76	98	3.15
1950	Louisville	A. A.	18	137	11	4	117	55	51	47	50	3.35
1950	Boston	A. L.	9	19	1	0	23	9	8	5	10	3.79
1951	Louisville	A. A.	19	144	10	7	139	71	56	51	50	3.50
1951	St. Louis	A. L.	16	84	4	7	84	48	38	28	46	4.07
1952	New York	A. L.	26	69	3	4	71	31	27	20	40	3.52
1953	New York	A. L.	27	130	9	7	128	64	55	43	39	3.81
	Major League Totals		78	302	17	18	306	152	128	96	135	3.81
				World Series Record								
1953	New York	A. L.	1	7 2/3	1	0	12	6	5	3	0	5.63



Steve Kraly

Tom Morgan

Steve Kraly's strongest booster for a Yankee job was his minor league teammate, Mickey Mantle. "I don't care how small he is, he can win up here," Mickey told Skipper Stengel when Kraly, just back from service, was burning up the Eastern League last season. Pretty soon Stengel asked that Kraly be brought up to the Bombers and the Yankees were mighty pleased with what they saw of him late last year. The pint-sized southpaw had played with Mantle at Independence and Joplin before going off to military service. While in service he never lost a ball game and then, returning to Binghamton last year, proceeded to win 19 while losing 2, and put together an ERA of 2.08. By June he had racked up six shutouts. Had seven when the Yankees brought him up and might have matched Allie Reynold's league record of eleven had he remained at Binghamton. And, whenever he wins in the majors, the guy who gets the biggest kick out of it is Scout Lou Maguolo who signed him at Whiting, Ind., when others passed him by because of his diminutive proportions.

STEVE KRALY

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1949	Independence	K. O. M.	27	203	15	10	187	116	74	135	104	3.28
1950	Joplin	West.	31	213	18	6	198	97	66	189	82	2.79
1951-52					Military Service							
1953	Binghamton	East.	23	190	19	2	138	49	44	139	85	2.08
1953	New York	A. L.	5	25	0	2	19	10	9	8	16	3.24
	Major League Totals		5	25	0	2	19	10	9	9	16	3.24

Back to the baseball wars is Tom Morgan, the lumbering right-hander who was moving right into the Yankees' Big Four status when Uncle Sam's Army beckoned in 1952. Tom had made the Yankees in his third year of pro baseball. He zoomed from Ventura, of the California League, to Binghamton in the Eastern League and, with a brief time out at Kansas City in 1951, had a 9-3 record with the Bombers when they took on the Giants in the '51 World Series. Morgan, Mickey Mantle and Gil McDougald were three men graduated to the Yankees from their pre-season tryout school at Phoenix, Arizona, that Spring. Tom had a mere 5-4 record when he went into service in '52 but he had taken part in five other Yankee victories where a team mate received credit for the triumph. In service, Tom, due to his rank as a Yankee player, was named co-manager of his camp club — but he's happy to be back taking orders again from Skipper Stengel. And the pay is better.

TOM MORGAN

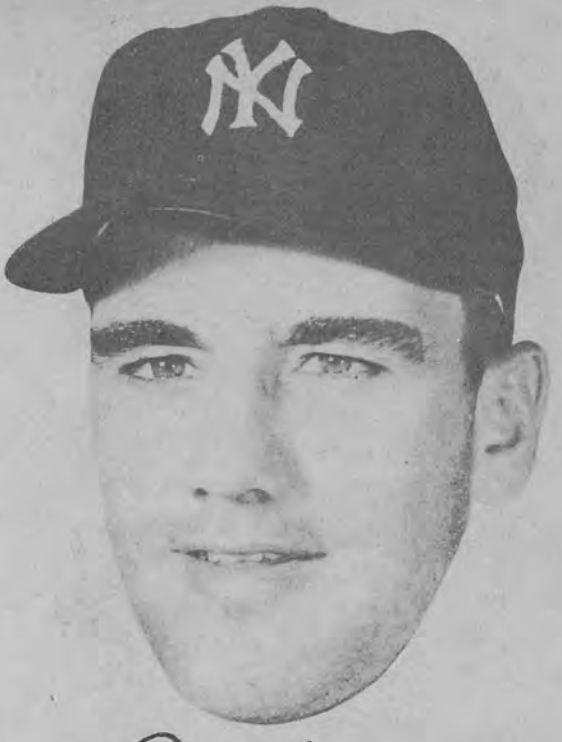
Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1949	Ventura	Cal. St.	33	200	13	8	197	108	83	125	72	3.74
1950	Binghamton	East.	29	203	17	8	182	92	80	114	55	3.55
1951	New York	A. L.	27	125	9	3	119	56	51	57	36	3.67
1951	Kansas City	A. A.	4	20	2	1	14	6	5	11	8	2.25
1952	New York	A. L.	16	94	5	4	86	34	32	35	33	3.06
1953					Military Service							
	Major League Totals		43	219	14	7	205	90	83	92	69	3.41
					World Series Record							
1951	New York	A. L.	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	3	1	0.00

Andy Carey

Top batter among the Yankees last year was Andy Carey. Although he didn't come to bat often enough to be recognized as a regular, Handy Andy's .321 mark was enough to have every club in the league interested in his services. But Casey Stengel held the sturdy youngster in high regard, too, and refused to put his name in any transaction. A sore arm in the Spring wiped out a bid by Carey to become Phil Rizzuto's shortstopping understudy. Carey played only college freshman ball (St. Mary's) as a tune-up for his pro career. When both baseball and football were dropped at St. Mary's, Andy decided to take a lucrative Yankee offer made by the late Joe Devine. Carey has never played below Triple-A ball.

ANDY CAREY

Year	Club	League	Pos.	G	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1951	Kansas City	A. A.	3B	120	424	122	15	6	14	72	.288
1952	New York	A. L.	3B	16	40	6	0	0	0	1	.150
1952	Kansas City	A. A.	SS	82	324	92	18	3	16	45	.284
1952	Syracuse	I. L.	3B	24	94	24	4	2	2	11	.255
1953	New York	A. L.	3B	51	81	26	5	0	4	8	.321
	Major League Totals			67	121	32	5	0	4	9	.264



Tom Gorman

Only one pitcher on the Yankees' 1953 roster was in more ball games than Tom Gorman, the burly, bespectacled, right-handed relief pitcher from Valley Stream, L. I. Only Allie Reynolds was used more often but none emerged from the bullpen as often for only one of Gorman's 40 performances was as a starting pitcher. It was as a relief pitcher in 1952 that Gorman earned his chance to stay with the Yankees. Ticketed for Syracuse, he turned in such a fine job against the Washington Senators in late August, Casey Stengel suggested they get a refund on the ticket. Gorman's 4-5 record last season is deceptive. He took part in no fewer than seventeen Yankee victories. A farm club product, Gorman earned his chance with the Yankees in 1951 when he fired 42 consecutive shutout innings for a Texas League record at Beaumont. Finished that year with a brilliant 1.94 E.R.A.

TOM GORMAN

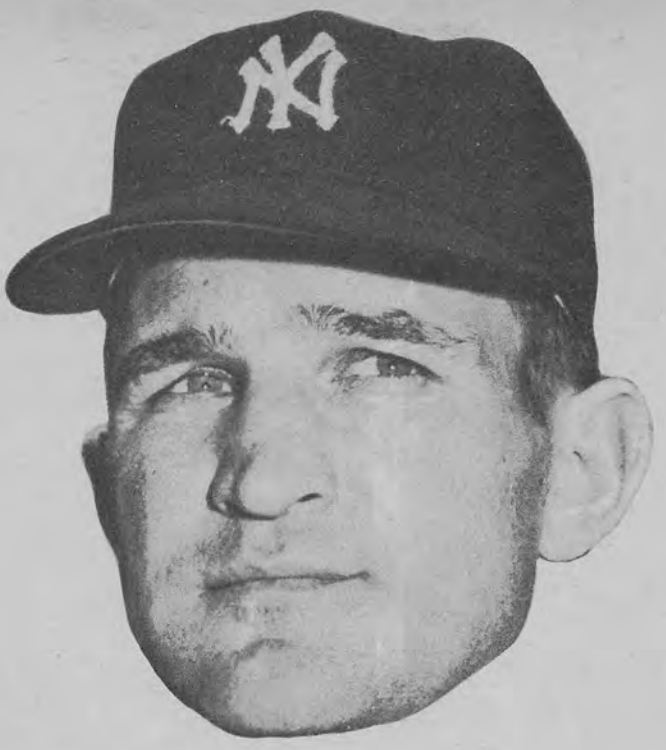
Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1946	Norfolk	Pied.	19	93	2	9	103	57	40	35	36	3.87
1946	Radford	B. R.	10	82	3	5	65	33	21	82	23	2.30
1947	Norfolk	Pied.	35	169	8	12	198	107	91	84	60	4.85
1948	Binghamton	East.	34	116	6	11	116	65	53	60	41	4.11
1949	Binghamton	East.	25	159	12	8	145	62	46	97	58	2.60
1949	Newark	I. L.	8	20	0	1	26	16	14	6	18	6.30
1950	Kansas City	A. A.	45	97	3	5	101	67	54	66	55	5.01
1951	Beaumont	Texas	26	172	12	8	135	41	37	89	40	1.94
1951	Kansas City	A. A.	3	6	0	1	5	5	1	4	6	1.50
1952	Kansas City	A. A.	13	86	7	4	93	40	35	43	22	3.66
1952	New York	A. L.	12	61	6	2	63	34	31	31	22	4.57
1953	New York	A. L.	40	77	4	5	65	32	29	38	32	3.39
	Major League Totals		52	138	10	7	128	66	60	69	54	3.91
				World Series Record								
1952	New York	A. L.	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
1953	New York	A. L.	1	3	0	0	4	1	1	1	0	3.00
	World Series Totals		2	4	0	0	5	1	1	1	0	2.25

Guillermo Perez

Guillermo Miranda Perez, known in the baseball books as Willie Miranda, was born in Velasca, Oriente, Cuba, but moved from the island country to make his fame in baseball. Coming up through the Washington farm system, his scintillating short-stopping (and there isn't a finer fielder in the game) brought him from Chattanoonga to Washington in 1951 but Willie's travels were only beginning. Back to Chattanooga that same year, he later moved on to Chicago, third club to own his contract during that year. From Chicago in '52 he was traded to the Browns and thirteen days later the Sox had him again on waivers. And by October of the same year Miranda was again Brownie property. Last June he joined the Yankees. Before the month was out he enjoyed the biggest thrill of his baseball career — his only major league homer, cudgeled last June 24 against his old team mates, the Chisox.

WILLIE MIRANDA

Year	Club	League	Pos.	G	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1948	Sher-Denison	Big St.	SS	144	512	134	18	6	0	55	.262
1949	Chattanooga	South.	SS-3B	151	527	125	13	4	0	35	.237
1950	Chattanooga	South.	SS	141	487	121	17	5	1	50	.248
1951	Washington	A. L.	SS-1B	7	9	4	0	0	0	0	.444
1951	Chattanooga	South.	SS	80	338	83	8	3	0	20	.246
1952	Chi.-St. L.	A. L.	SS	77	161	34	4	2	0	8	.211
1953	St. L.-N. Y.	A. L.	SS	65	64	14	0	0	1	5	.219
	Major League Totals			149	234	52	4	2	1	13	.222



Robert Cerv

One of the top thumpers of minor league baseball, and back for another fling at the top, is bombing Bob Cerv, University of Nebraska outfielder who has been thrilling Kansas City fans, off and on, since mid-season, 1950, when he jumped from the campus to Triple-A ball. He hit 14 homers and 23 sundry additional extra base blows in his half-season of 1950 but he was only warming up. In 1951 his .344 batting average and his 22 doubles, 21 triples and 28 home runs assured him of a Yankee Spring trial. In both '52 and '53 he failed to powder American League pitching with any great abandon but each year returned to the Blues and his bat thundered anew.

BOB CERV

Year	Club	League	Pos.	G	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1950	Kansas City	A. A.	OF	94	349	106	10	13	14	49	.304
1951	Kansas City	A. A.	OF	109	425	146	22	21	28	108	.344
1951	New York	A. L.	OF	12	28	6	1	0	0	2	.214
1952	New York	A. L.	OF	36	87	21	3	2	1	8	.241
1952	Kansas City	A. A.	OF	60	219	65	13	6	12	48	.297
1953	New York	A. L.	OF	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	.000
1953	Kansas City	A. A.	OF	123	454	144	23	7	22	91	.317
	Major League Totals			56	121	27	4	2	1	10	.223

Emil Tellinger

EMIL TELLINGER

Year	Club	League	Pos.	G	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1946	Wellsville	Pony	C	61	181	46	8	0	5	30	.246
1947	Butler	Penn. St.	C	71	233	64	14	3	4	44	.275
1948	Manchester	N. Eng.	C-OF	104	339	81	15	3	5	44	.239
1948	Binghamton	East.	C	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
1948	Norfolk	Pied.	C	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1.000
1949	Quincy	I. I. I.	OF	99	314	101	25	3	15	63	.322
1949	Kansas City	A. A.	OF	4	11	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.455
1950	Beaumont	Texas	OF	138	461	114	21	3	17	78	.247
1951-52				Military Service							
1953	Birmingham	South.	OF	141	484	153	36	1	20	99	.316

Art Schallock

ART SCHALLOCK

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1947	Pueblo	West.	31	157	13	8	134	79	63	117	84	3.61
1948	Montreal	I. L.	24	50	2	1	37	23	21	33	40	3.78
1949	Hollywood	P. C. L.	31	167	12	9	171	83	78	121	63	4.20
1950	Hollywood	P. C. L.	38	128	5	7	126	71	57	83	60	4.09
1951	Hollywood	P. C. L.	20	127	11	5	112	49	48	96	42	3.40
1951	New York	A. L.	11	46	3	1	50	20	20	19	20	3.91
1952	New York	A. L.	2	2	0	0	3	2	2	1	2	9.00
1952	Kansas City	A. A.	26	105	8	6	109	68	64	64	52	5.49
1953	Kansas City	A. A.	18	97	9	3	90	40	34	63	40	3.15
1953	New York	A. L.	7	21	0	0	30	12	7	13	15	3.00
	Major League Totals		20	69	3	1	83	34	29	33	37	3.78
				World Series Record								
1953	New York	A. L.	1	2	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	4.50

Wallace Burnette

WALLY BURNETTE

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1948	Blackstone	Vir.	17	96	5	8	118	82	69	51	30	6.47
1948	Roanoke Rap.	Co. Pl.	12	42	4	1	52	32	23	16	21	4.93
1949	Easton	E. Shore	25	169	13	6	128	74	52	102	88	2.77
1950	Amsterdam	Can.-A.	26	206	14	10	193	108	84	164	80	3.67
1951-52				Military Service								
1953	Binghamton	East.	31	249	21	10	192	71	58	107	79	2.10

Art Schult

ART SCHULT

Year	Club	League	Pos.	G	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1948	Norfolk	Pied.	OF	140	545	159	25	10	7	79	.292
1949	Binghamton	East.	OF	96	366	88	15	8	10	54	.240
1949	Newark	I. L.	OF	16	54	10	1	0	1	9	.185
1950	Binghamton	East.	OF	137	535	162	30	8	24	118	.303
1951-52				Military Service							
1953	Syracuse	I. L.	OF	86	288	70	12	2	8	47	.243
1953	New York	A. L.	PR	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....
	Major League Totals			7	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....

Gus Triandos

GUS TRIANDOS

Year	Club	League	Pos.	G	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1948	Twin Falls	Pion.	C	92	297	96	14	0	18	85	.323
1949	Norfolk	Pied.	C	86	295	79	11	1	16	58	.268
1949	Twin Falls	Pion.	C	28	92	40	7	1	10	42	.435
1950	Binghamton	East.	C	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.048
1950	Amsterdam	Can.-A.	C	74	273	99	15	4	11	67	.363
1951	Kansas City	A. A.	C	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	.000
1951-52				Military Service							
1953	Birmingham	South.	1B-C	97	367	135	26	3	19	75	.368
1953	New York	A. L.	1B-C	18	51	8	2	0	1	6	.157
	Major League Totals			18	51	8	2	0	1	6	.157

Bill Miller

This is a test year for Bill Miller, the "stuff" southpaw. Once the property of the New York Giants and acquired by the Yankees from Syracuse after the Chiefs had snatched him in a draft, Miller has the necessary material to be a big winner in baseball — but his control, or lack of it, has proved an insurmountable obstacle to date. Last Winter Miller pitched in Puerto Rico in the hope that Winter baseball would be the answer to finding himself. A brilliant minor league pitcher with an astounding strikeout record (including 191 strikeouts one season and 249 another), Miller spent the full 1952 season with the Yankees and hurled several excellent games. Two of his best efforts resulted in defeats, however, when he was beaten, 2 to 1, despite a six-hitter thrown against the Chisox and when he lost a 1-0 game to a no-hitter by Virgil Trucks. Last year Miller split the season between New York and Kansas City.

BILL MILLER

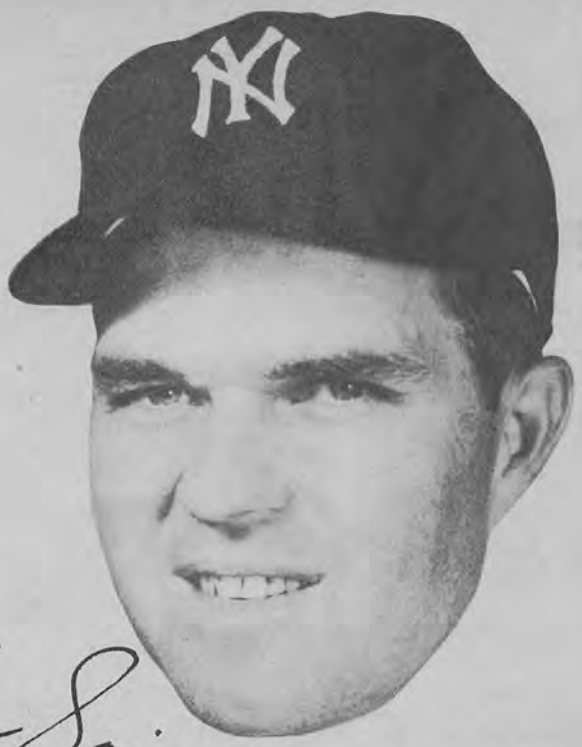
Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1945	Lexington	N. C. S.	26	172	14	5	121	77	56	191	113	2.93
1946	Lexington	N. C. S	2	1	0	1	1	3	.....	3	2	.....
1947	Lexington	N. C. S.	7	41	1	4	47	.....	.....	44	24	.....
1948	Savannah	Sally	2	2	0	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1948	Statesville	N. C. S.	30	181	13	5	135	74	58	249	139	2.88
1949	Knoxville	Tri State	36	206	17	11	179	115	97	158	212	4.24
1950	Jersey City	I. L.	2	10	0	1	5	7	5	8	13	4.50
1950	Sioux City	West.	12	64	5	3	67	34	29	46	48	4.08
1950	Jacksonville	Sally	7	35	2	2	26	.....	.....	34	38	4.37
1951	Syracuse	I. L.	35	225	16	10	204	90	74	131	118	2.96
1952	New York	A. L.	21	88	4	6	78	43	34	45	49	3.48
1953	New York	A. L.	13	34	2	1	46	19	18	17	19	4.76
1953	Kansas City	A. A.	12	78	5	5	73	38	28	53	38	3.23
	Major League Totals		34	122	6	7	124	62	52	62	68	3.82

Charlie Silvera

A veteran of all five championships in Casey Stengel's record streak, Charlie Silvera has been in only one World Series game. Back in 1949 he relieved Yogi Berra in one game. By working in forty-two games last year Charlie saw more action than any season since '49. Nevertheless, around the American League circuit, Silvera is rated one of the better catchers in baseball, an excellent receiver and a dangerous hitter. He has a major league lifetime mark of .303 and only the unusual power hitting of Berra has kept him in the dugout. Silvera, signed by Joe Devine, broke into the Yankee farm system with Jerry Coleman, a sandlot playmate. They both started at Wellesville, N. Y., in the Pony League, in '42. After three years in service they became team-mates again with the Bronx Bombers.

CHARLES SILVERA

Year	Club	League	Pos.	G	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1942	Wellesville	Pony	C	75	256	65	16	2	1	40	254
1943-44-45					Military Service						
1946	Kansas City	A. A.	C	91	284	71	13	2	3	45	250
1947	Portland	P. C. L.	C	120	356	88	12	3	1	39	.247
1948	Portland	P. C. L.	C	144	501	151	36	6	5	85	.301
1948	New York	A. L.	C	4	14	8	0	1	0	0	.571
1949	New York	A. L.	C	58	130	41	2	0	0	13	.315
1950	New York	A. L.	C	18	25	4	0	0	0	1	.160
1951	New York	A. L.	C	18	51	14	3	0	1	7	.275
1952	New York	A. L.	C	20	55	18	3	0	0	11	.327
1953	New York	A. L.	C	42	82	23	3	1	0	12	.280
	Major League Totals			160	357	108	11	2	1	45	.303
					World Series Record						
1949	New York	A. L.	C	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	.000



Jim Brideweser

John Sain

In the Spring of 1950, Jim Brideweser, fresh from the University of Southern California, had the whole camp talking about his sparkling play afield and his crackling stickwork. Started along his pro career in Binghamton, he hit .310. A year later he moved up to San Francisco and hit .283, making 163 hits in 146 games. Since then Jim has been on the move. He finished the '51 season with the Yankees, spent the full '52 campaign here and last year played for New York (batting 1.000 in his few chances), Syracuse and Kansas City. Jim has yet to be tested fully in the majors. Spread over three seasons he has taken part in only 51 games. Yet his lifetime batting mark of .327 and that glamorous .513 Grapefruit League mark in 1950 mark him as a definite major league ball player. This could be his year.

JIM BRIDEWESER

Year	Club	League	Pos.	G	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1950	Binghamton	East.	SS	134	461	143	29	2	5	65	.310
1951	San Francisco	P. C. L.	SS	146	575	163	28	4	3	44	.283
1951	New York	A. L.	SS	2	8	3	0	0	0	0	.375
1952	New York	A. L.	SS	42	38	10	0	0	0	2	.263
1953	New York	A. L.	SS	7	3	3	0	1	0	3	1.000
1953	Syracuse	I. L.	SS	84	320	87	20	6	1	27	.272
1953	Kansas City	A. A.	SS	13	49	13	4	0	0	4	.265
	Major League Totals			51	49	16	0	1	0	5	.327

Johnny Sain's decision to return to the Yankees this year, after announcing his retirement, was welcome news, indeed. The Arkansas curve-baller was one of the most valuable Yankees of 1953. Not only did he win fourteen games and finish in an ERA tie for fourth place with team-mate Eddie Ford but Sain also took part in no fewer than twenty-six Yankee victories. He worked willingly as a starter or reliever and appeared in forty games, more than he had worked since back in 1948 when he fired the Boston Braves to a National League flag on the wings of his 24-victory season. Acquired by the Yankees late in 1951, Sain went into the 1954 season with an American League record of 27 victories against 14 defeats — plus numerous relief jobs in which Yankee mates had received credit for the "wins". In two seasons he has taken part in no fewer than 49 Yankee triumphs. Sain broke in under Casey Stengel at Boston. There was some thought of shifting him to first base but Stengel stuck with him as a pitcher, first in relief then as a starter. Boston was rewarded for Stengel's patience as Johnny won 20 in 1946, 21 in '47, 24 in '48 and came back to another 20-victory year in 1950.

JOHNNY SAIN

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1936	Osceola	N. Ark.	11	76	5	3	71	34	23	44	32	2.72
1937	Osceola	N. Ark.	24	135	5	8	128	86	62	72	64	4.13
1938	Newport	N. Ark.	21	172	16	4	162	74	52	111	48	2.72
1939	Newport	N. Ark.	29	220	18	10	214	103	80	175	76	3.27
1940	Nashville	South.	30	97	8	4	98	56	48	49	52	4.45
1941	Nashville	South.	41	139	6	12	160	84	71	93	71	4.60
1942	Boston	N. L.	40	97	4	7	79	54	42	68	63	3.90
1943-44-45					Military Service							
1946	Boston	N. L.	37	265	20	14	225	80	65	129	87	2.21
1947	Boston	N. L.	38	266	21	12	265	117	104	132	79	3.52
1948	Boston	N. L.	42	315	24	15	297	105	91	137	83	2.60
1949	Boston	N. L.	37	243	10	17	285	150	130	73	75	4.81
1950	Boston	N. L.	37	278	20	13	294	139	122	96	70	3.95
1951	Boston	N. L.	26	160	5	13	195	88	75	63	45	4.22
1951	New York	A. L.	7	37	2	1	41	17	17	21	8	4.14
1952	New York	A. L.	35	148	11	6	149	70	57	57	38	3.47
1953	New York	A. L.	40	189	14	7	189	68	63	84	45	3.00
	Major League Totals		339	1998	131	105	2019	888	766	860	593	3.45
					World Series Record							
1948	Boston	N. L.	2	17	1	1	9	2	2	9	0	1.06
1951	New York	A. L.	1	2	0	0	4	2	2	2	2	9.00
1952	New York	A. L.	1	6	0	1	6	2	2	3	3	3.00
1953	New York	A. L.	2	5 2/3	1	0	8	3	3	1	1	4.50
	World Series Totals		6	30 2/3	2	2	27	9	9	15	6	2.61

Al Cicotte

AL CICOTTE

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1948	Butler	M.-Atl.	32	136	7	8	169	101	83	64	74	5.50
1949					Military Service							
1950	Norfolk	Pied.	29	234	15	12	166	85	67	210	137	2.58
1951					Military Service							
1952	Kansas City	A. A.	19	75	4	7	75	67	60	84	85	7.20
1952	Binghamton	East.	9	53	4	2	40	16	13	64	32	2.21
1953	Kansas City	A. A.	5	25	1	1	15	20	17	21	36	6.12
1953	Birmingham	South.	23	94	4	8	73	58	54	84	102	5.17

Mel Wright

MEL WRIGHT

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1950	McAlester	So'er St.	32	215	15	7	180	87	72	130	59	3.02
1951	Joplin	West.	28	206	15	9	199	97	84	123	77	3.67
1952	Binghamton	East.	57	121	7	8	95	39	26	45	56	1.93
1953	Kansas City	A. A.	47	111	13	2	112	47	40	73	35	3.21

Lou Berberet

LOU BERBERET

Year	Club	League	Pos.	G	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1950	Binghamton	East.	C	104	344	102	13	3	14	56	.297
1951-52				Military Service							
1953	Kansas City	A. A.	C	55	152	33	9	0	4	20	.217
1953	Binghamton	East.	C	63	207	52	16	1	6	32	.251

Hal Smith

HAL SMITH

Year	Club	League	Pos.	G	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1949	Ventura	Calif.	C	10	32	7	3	0	1	3	2.10
1950	Newark	Ohio St.	C	121	480	174	45	4	7	108	.363
1951	Quincy	I. I. I.	C	109	377	116	20	5	7	59	.308
1952	Beaumont	Texas	C	129	424	110	18	4	4	46	.260
1953	Birmingham	South.	C	127	434	135	24	2	3	61	.311

Bob Wiesler

BOB WIESLER

Year	Club	League	G	IP	W	L	H	R	ER	SO	BB	ERA
1949	Independence	K. O. M.	26	185	12	11	139	115	90	240	212	4.38
1950	Joplin	West.	25	188	15	7	117	66	49	277	168	2.35
1951	Kansas City	A. A.	24	194	10	9	155	79	63	112	143	2.92
1951	New York	A. L.	4	9	0	2	13	15	14	3	11	14.00
1952					Military Service							
1953	Kansas City	A. A.	24	140	8	7	112	56	48	92	103	3.09
	Major League Totals		4	9	0	2	13	15	14	3	11	14.00

Elston Howard

ELSTON HOWARD

Year	Club	League	Pos.	G	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1950	Muskegon	Cen.	C	54	184	52	6	2	9	42	.283
1951-52				Military Service							
1953	Kansas City	A. A.	OF	139	497	142	22	9	10	70	.286

Bill Virdon

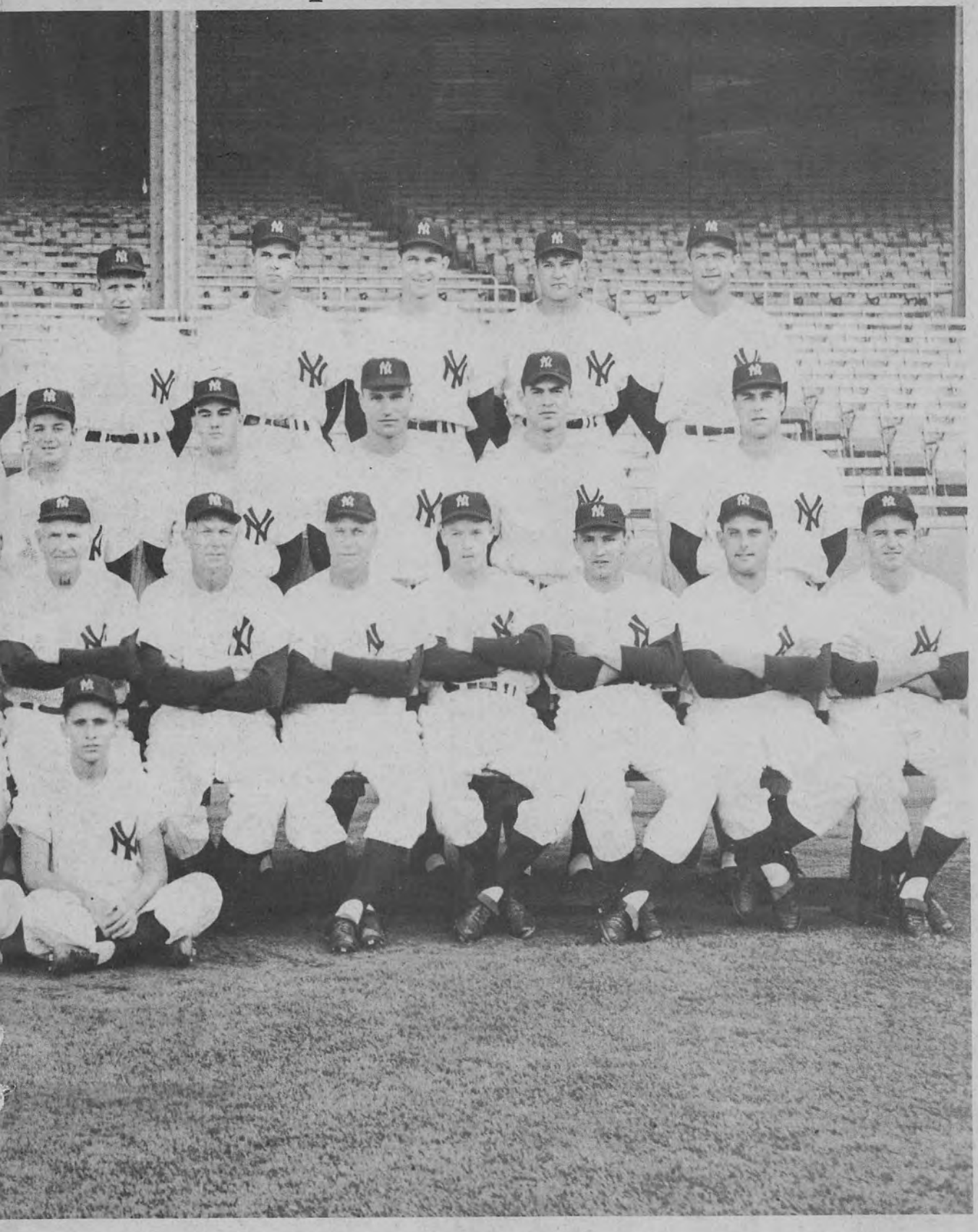
BILL VIRDON

Year	Club	League	Pos.	G	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BA
1950	Independence	K. O. M.	OF	119	501	134	29	10	6	76	.267
1950	Kansas City	A. A.	OF	14	41	14	3	0	0	3	.341
1951	Norfolk	Pied.	OF	118	486	139	20	4	6	48	.286
1952	Binghamton	East.	OF	122	467	122	13	9	2	46	.261
1953	Kansas City	A. A.	OF	95	330	77	13	4	6	25	.233
1953	Birmingham	South.	OF	42	164	52	7	2	3	14	.317

1953 World

They made it five in a row. Back Row: Johnny Mize, Ed Lopat, Andy Carey, Mickey Mantle, Hank Bauer, Ralph Houk, Johnny Sain, Don Bollweg, Allie Reynolds, Joe Collins; Second Row: Gus Mauch, trainer; Jim McDonald, Willie Miranda, Jerry Coleman, Bob Kuzava, Bill Miller, Tom Gorman, Bill Renna, Gus Triandos, Vic Raschi; First Row: Art

Champions 1953



Schallock, Ed Ford, Billy Martin, Phil Rizzuto, Larry Berra, Steve Kraly, Frank Crosetti, coach; Casey Stengel, manager; Bill Dickey, coach; Jim Turner, coach; Gil McDougald, Irv Noren, Gene Woodling, Charles Silvera; Batboys: Joe Carrieri, Iggy Manzidelis.

Highlights Of 1953

APRIL 14 . . . Skipper Stengel pulls 1952 World Championship banner aloft as Yankees open season in quest of fifth straight flag—a mark missed by John J. McGraw's Giants of 1925 and Joe McCarthy's Yankees of 1940.

APRIL 16 . . . President Dwight Eisenhower throws out first ball as Yankees top Senators in Washington.

APRIL 17 . . . Mickey Mantle blasts 565-foot homer, first ball ever hit over Griffith Stadium's left field wall.

MAY 11 . . . Yankees grab league lead over Cleveland and never lose it.

MAY 12 . . . Whitey Ford's no-hitter against Cleveland broken up by pitching rival Early Wynn's sixth-inning dribbler down third baseline.

MAY 22 . . . Johnny Mize establishes A.L. pinch hitter record with fifth straight safety.

JUNE 14 . . . Yankees conclude Western trip with eighteenth straight victory, one short of A.L. mark.

JUNE 16 . . . Ex-Yankee Duane Pillette ends winning streak but Johnny Mize joins 2,000-hit Club.

ED LOPAT INTERVIEWED by press after Spring training contract-signing. Canny veteran southpaw was to go on to lead league in winning percentage (.800) and in ERA (2.43).

JUNE 21 . . . Stretch league lead to 11½ games.

JULY 1 . . . Tie own longest losing streak since 1945 when they drop ninth in a row at Boston.

JULY 12 . . . Still lead by five games going into All-Star Game intermission.

JULY 19 . . . Chicago White Sox subdued by Bombers' sweeping of key doubleheader at Comiskey Park.

AUGUST 4 . . . Vic Raschi sets all-time record for pitchers in RBI department—7.

AUGUST 8 . . . Bob Kuzava's bid for no-hitter against Chicago lost to Bob Boyd's double with one out in ninth.

AUGUST 21 . . . Place plaque on Lou Gehrig's birthplace and, next day, see Oldtimers back in action again.

SEPT. 13 . . . Honor Jerry Coleman, back from his second tour of duty with the Flying Marines.

SEPT. 14 . . . Clinch club's 20th American League pennant and record-setting fifth in a row.

OCTOBER 5 . . . Billy Martin's single in ninth scores Hank Bauer with decisive run in 4-3 sixth-game victory which clinches fifth straight World Championship over Brooklyn Dodgers.

OCTOBER 7 . . . Winning share in World Series another record: $8,280.68.

DECEMBER 16 . . . Yankees acquire Eddie Robinson, slugging first baseman, and Harry Byrd, sturdy right-handed pitcher, in 13-player deal involving Yankees, Athletics and Kansas City Blues. Bill Renna, Don Bollweg, Vic Power and Al Robertson, of Yankees, go to A's in transaction.

DECEMBER 19 . . . Paul Krichell selected by New York Baseball Writers as winner of Bill Slocum award for "long and meritorious service to game of baseball."

DECEMBER 22 . . . Eddie Lopat named American League's top pitcher in earned run averages (2.43) and in winning percentage (16-4—.800).

JAN. 2 . . . Billy Martin named by New York Baseball Writers as winner of the Babe Ruth Award as outstanding player in World Series. It was fifth straight award to Yankee players, Martin following Joe Page, 1949; Jerry Coleman, 1950; Phil Rizzuto, 1951, and Johnny Mize, 1952.

OPENING DAY fanfare as Yankees get '54 campaign under way.

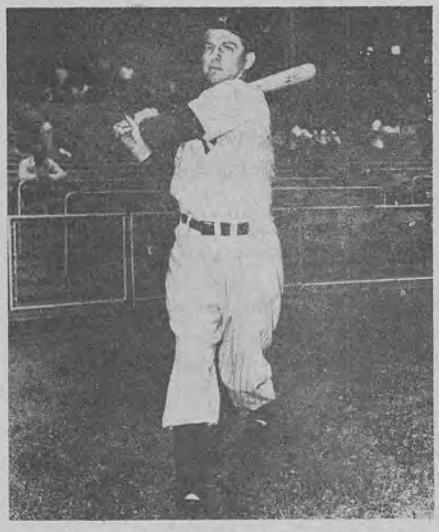
THEY LAUGHED WHEN Wally Pipp sat down to play first base. All part of the fun at Oldtimers Day when Lou Gehrig's memory was honored.

Won Sixteen World Series

1941 . . . Charlie Keller hit .398, topping Dodgers

1943 . . . Spud Chandler won first and last from Cards

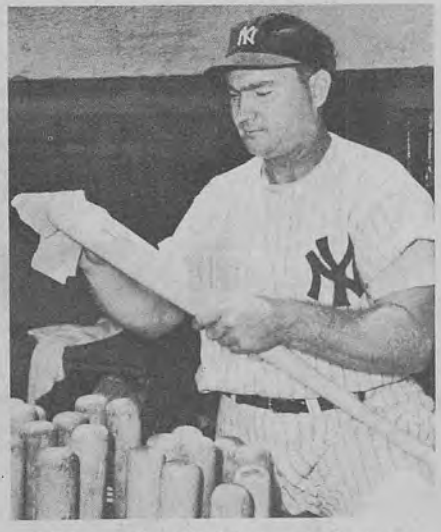
1947 . . . Joe Page's relief hurling won Babe Ruth award against Dodgers



1949 . . . Tommy Henrich's homer won first over Brooklyn, 1-0

1950 . . . Jerry Coleman (right) top star as Phillies bow in four

1951 . . . Scooter Rizzuto (left) flashiest in Yankees-Giants series



1952 . . . Mize hit 3 homers in 3 games against Brooklyn

1953 . . . Martin smashed Dodger pitchers for 12 hits

Yankee Champions Of

Those old October foes, the Yankees and Dodgers, put on another exciting World Series in 1953 and once again the Yankees emerged the winners —four games to two. A total of forty records for World Series play were either established or tied during the interborough warfare, including fourteen strikeouts in one game by Carl Erskine, a Grand Slam home run by Mickey Mantle and the most hits ever made in a six-game World Series, 12 hits for a record twenty-three bases, by Billy Martin. When it was all over the winning Yankees took down $8,280.68 each while the Dodgers took $6,178.42 apiece. Never in series history had so much gold been added to the World Series glory.

GAME NO. ONE: Yankees broke out in front via 4-run first when, with one away, Collins walked, Bauer tripled, Mantle and Woodling walked and Martin's three-bagger cleared the bases. Berra stroked a homer in the fifth but the Yankees were hauled back to even terms, 5-5, by the seventh. Gilliam homered in the fifth and circuit smashes by Hodges and Shuba, pinch hitting, picked up three in the sixth. Sain replaced starter Reynolds in this inning and three singles in the seventh tied the score. Two forceout plays at third spiked the Dodger bid for more tallies in this frame and the Yankees bounced back out front on Collins homer in the last half. Then, in the eighth, Martin singled, Rizzuto walked, Sain doubled both home and a single by Collins made it 9 to 5, the final score.

GAME NO. TWO: Veteran southpaws Lopat, for the Yankees, and Roe, for the Dodgers, dueled in this one. Yankees again led after an inning when bases on balls to Woodling and Collins, followed by long flies by Bauer and Berra sent a run over. Roe staggered through the rest of the inning, leaving the bases loaded but Brooklyn went out front, 2-1, in fourth when, with two down, Hodges and Furillo singled and Cox doubled them home. Brooklyn didn't get a man past second thereafter and Martin's homer tied the score in the seventh. Billy's roommate, Mantle, untied it with emphasis in the eighth when, after Bauer singled, he homered to left for a 4-2 triumph.

Triumphant threesome of second game: Ed Lopat, pitcher, receives congratulations of Martin (left) and Mickey Mantle, whose homer decided Lopat's duel with Preacher Roe.

Dodger peak: Carl Erskine mobbed by team mates after he fanned fourteen Yankees for all-time World Series record in third game.

Denton (Cy) Young throws out first ball as Ford Frick (seated) and Bill Dineen (behind Frick) look on. Young and Dineen were rivals in first World Series between Pittsburgh and Boston Red Sox.

Happy heroes of first game (left to right): Hank Bauer, Yogi Berra, Billy Martin, Joe Collins.

GAME NO. THREE: Hats off to Erskine in this one—fourteen strikeouts! Although he set an all-time series record, Carl had no easy time chalking up Brooklyn's first victory, 3 to 2. Hitless for four innings, the Yanks were first to score when singles by Martin, Rizzuto and McDougald put them out front, 1 to 0, in the fifth. A balk by Raschi, after Robinson doubled set the stage for a successful squeeze bunt by Cox, tying the score in the Dodger half. Snider's single, a base on balls and Robinson's two-out single put Brooklyn ahead in the sixth but the Yankees bounced back to a deadlock in the eighth on Bauer's single, a hit batsman and Woodling's scoring shot to left center. It was Brooklyn's day, however, when Campanella homered in the eighth and Erskine turned back the Yankees, marking up his 13th and 14th strikeouts in the ninth.

GAME NO. FOUR: Brooklyn broke on top with three runs in the first against Ford and was never headed in a 7-to-3 victory. Gilliam's double, Robinson's single, a base on balls, a wild pitch and Snider's double counted three for Brooklyn in the first and Gorman took over for the Yankees in the second. He was nudged for two singles and Gilliam's third successive double in the fourth for another run but a triple by Martin and McDougalds' homer against Loes made it 4-2 in the Yankee fifth. Snider homered in the sith, a two-run round for the Brooks, and doubled the final Flatbush tally over the plate in the seventh. The game came to a strange finale when a basehit ended a Yankee rally in the ninth. Trailing 7 to 2, the Yankees had the bases filled without an out when Woodling and Martin singled and McDougald walked. Manager Dresen brought Labine in from the bullpen to replace Loes. He eased the tension by fanning Rizzuto and inducing Mize to loft a fly to short center but when Mantle blasted a single to left, all runners were on the move. Woodling scored but Martin was out at the plate, Thompson to Campanella, and the series was all even.

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JIM TURNER (31), Coach
FRANK CROSETTI (2), Coach
RALPH HOUK (32), Coach

Pitchers	*No.*	*Bats*	*Throws*	*Wgt.*	*Hgt.*	*Date of Birth*	*Home Address*	*1953 Club*	*Games*	*IP*	*Won*	*Lost*	*ER*
Burnette, Wallace	47	R	R	175	6:01	June 20, 1929	Blairs, Va.	Binghamton	31	219	21	10	2.10
Byrd, Harry	19	R	R	188	6:01	Feb. 3, 1925	Darlington, S. C.	Athletics	40	237	11	20	5.51
Cicotte, Al	48	R	R	180	6:02	Dec. 23, 1929	Melvindale, Mich.	Kansas City	5	25	1	1	6.12
								Birmingham	23	91	4	8	5.17
Ford, Ed	16	L	L	165	5:10	Oct. 21, 1928	Glen Cove, N. Y.	Yankees	32	207	18	6	3.00
Gorman, Tom	24	R	R	195	6:02	Jan. 4, 1926	Valley Stream, N. Y.	Yankees	10	77	4	5	3.39
Kraly, Steve	35	L	L	160	5:08	April 18, 1930	Whiting, Ind.	Yankees	5	25	0	2	3.24
								Binghamton	23	190	19	2	2.08
Kuzava, Bob	21	R-L	L	194	6:02	May 28, 1923	Wyandotte, Mich.	Yankees	33	92	6	5	3.33
Lopat, Ed	30	L	L	195	5:10	June 12, 1918	Hillsdale, N. J.	Yankees	25	178	16	4	2.43
McDonald, Jim	18	R	R	192	5:11	May 17, 1927	Modesto, Calif.	Yankees	27	130	9	7	3.81
Miller, Bill	23	L	L	182	6:00	July 26, 1927	Asheville, N. C.	Yankees	13	31	2	1	4.76
								Kansas City	12	78	5	5	3.23
Raschi, Vic	17	R	R	210	6:01	Mar. 28, 1919	Conesus, N. Y.	Yankees	28	181	13	6	3.33
Reynolds, Allie	22	R	R	200	6:00	Feb. 10, 1917	Oklahoma City, Okla.	Yankees	41	145	13	7	3.41
Sain, John	11	R	R	194	6:02	Sept. 25, 1918	Newport, Ark.	Yankees	10	189	14	7	3.00
Schallock, Art	38	L	L	160	5:09	April 25, 1925	San Rafael, Calif.	Yankees	7	21	0	0	3.00
								Kansas City	18	97	9	3	3.15
Terry, Ralph	52	R	R	195	6:03	Jan. 9, 1936	Chelsea, Okla.	Free Agent					
Wiesler, Bob	39	R-L	L	175	6:03	Aug. 13, 1930	St. Louis, Mo.	Kansas City	24	140	8	7	3.09
Wright, Mel	40	R	R	210	6:03	May 11, 1928	Dewitt, Ark.	Kansas City	47	111	13	2	3.21

Catchers									*G.*	*H*	*HR*	*TB*	*RBI*	*AV.*
Berberet, Louis	49	L	R	206	5:11	Nov. 20, 1929	Long Beach, Calif.	Kansas City	55	33	1	54	20	.217
								Binghamton	63	52	6	88	32	.251
Berra, Larry	8	L	R	194	5:08	May 12, 1925	Woodcliff Lake, N. J.	Yankees	137	149	27	263	108	.296
Silvera, Charles	29	R	R	181	5:10	Oct. 13, 1924	San Jose, Calif.	Yankees	42	23	0	28	12	.280
Smith, Hal	50	R	R	195	6:00	Dec. 7, 1930	Lincoln Park, Mich.	Birmingham	127	135	3	172	61	.311
Triandos, Gus	26	R	R	205	6:03	July 30, 1930	San Francisco, Calif	Birmingham	97	135	19	224	75	.368
								Yankees	18	8	1	13	6	.157

Infielders														
								Yankees	7	3	0	5	3	1.000
Brideweser, Jim	27	R	R	167	6:00	Feb. 13, 1927	Los Angeles, Calif.	Syracuse	84	87	1	122	27	.272
								Kansas City	13	13	0	17	4	.265
Carey, Andy	6	R	R	190	6:01	Oct. 18, 1931	Alameda, Calif.	Yankees	51	26	4	43	8	.321
Coleman, Jerry	42	R	R	168	5:11	Sept. 14, 1924	San Mateo, Calif.	Yankees	8	2	0	2	0	.200
Collins, Joe	15	L	L	189	6:00	Dec. 3, 1922	Union, N. J.	Yankees	127	104	17	170	41	.269
Leja, Frank	51	L	L	210	6:04	Feb. 7, 1936	Holyoke, Mass.	Free Agent						
Martin, Billy	1	R	R	161	5:11	May 16, 1928	Berkeley, Calif.	Yankees	119	151	15	232	75	.257
Miranda, Willie	20	R-L	R	150	5:09	May 24, 1928	Havana, Cuba	Yankees-Bros.	65	14	1	17	5	.219
McDougald, Gil	12	R	R	178	6:00	May 19, 1928	Nutley, N. J.	Yankees	141	154	10	225	83	.285
Rizzuto, Phil	10	R	R	153	5:06½	Sept. 25, 1918	Hillside, N. J.	Yankees	134	112	2	145	51	.271
Robinson, Eddie	36	L	R	210	6:03	Dec. 15, 1920	Baltimore, Md.	Athletics	156	152	22	254	102	.247
Segrist, Kal	34	R	R	180	6:00	April 14, 1931	Dallas, Texas	Kansas City	79	52	6	89	32	.211
								Toronto	12	24	1	29	12	.197

Outfielders														
Bauer, Hank	9	R	R	188	6:00	July 31, 1922	Overland Park, Kan	Yankees	133	133	10	195	57	.304
								Yankees	8	0	0	0	0	.000
Cerv, Bob	41	R	R	200	6:00	May 5, 1926	Gunnison, Colo.	Kansas City	123	114	22	217	91	.317
Howard, Elston	46	R	R	191	6:02	Feb. 23, 1929	St. Louis, Mo.	Kansas City	139	112	10	212	70	.286
Mantle, Mickey	7	R-L	R	191	5:10	Oct. 20, 1931	Commerce, Okla.	Yankees	127	136	21	229	92	.295
Noren, Irv	25	L	L	184	6:00	Nov. 29, 1924	Arcadia, Calif.	Yankees	109	92	6	134	46	.267
								Yankees	7	0	0	0	0	.000
Schult, Art	43	R	R	210	6:04	June 20, 1928	Scarsdale, N. Y.	Syracuse	86	70	8	110	47	.243
Tellinger, Emil	44	R	R	200	6:03	March 14, 1929	New York, N. Y.	Birmingham	141	153	20	251	99	.316
Virdon, Bill	45	L	R	170	6:00	June 9, 1931	West Plains, Mo.	Kansas City	93	77	6	116	25	.233
								Birmingham	42	52	3	72	11	.317
Woodling, Gene	14	L	R	194	5:09	Aug. 16, 1922	Fairlawn, N. J.	Yankees	125	121	10	185	58	.306

JERRY COLEMAN DAY was a season highlight. Here Owner Dan Topping hands over the keys to a new car, gift of partners Topping and Del E. Webb (left.)

WORLD SERIES GRAND SLAM was struck by Mickey Mantle who has reception committee waiting at plate.

PLENTY OF ATTENTION was paid to Billy Martin, hero of the World Series, shown here with the rival managers, Casey Stengel and Chuck Dressen. They both managed Billy the Kid in the minors at Oakland, California.

They Starred as Yankees

1923 . . . The Babe smacked three against Giants

1927 . . . Earle Combs tallied on wild pitch by Pittsburgh's Miljus

1928 . . . Three-run homer by Lou Gehrig sunk Cards

1932 . . . Cubs were swept after Lefty Gomez won opener

1936 . . . Grand Slam Homer by Tony Lazzeri down Giants

1937 . . . Joe DiMaggio's homer beat Giants

1938 . . . Red Ruffing topped Cubs twice

1939 . . . Monte Pearson hurled 2-hitter over Reds

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"Out"—but definitely: Martin is tagged by Roy Campanella in stirring conclusion to fourth game.

Yankees went out front in sixth game and these five were the stars. Front row (L. to R.) Gil McDougald, Jim McDonald, Gene Woodling. Back row: Martin and Mantle.

GAME NO. FIVE: This was a free-scoring game all the way and a record-shattering total of six homers (four by the Yankees) were cudgeled. Woodling opened it with a homer off Podres. When Podres was tagged for a run in the third and loaded the bases Meyer was brought in from the bullpen. On his first pitch, Mantle became the fourth man in series history to hit a Grand Slam homer. Martin's two-run homer stood out in the Yankees' 3-run seventh and another into the seats by McDougald netted the Bombers their final run in the ninth. Meanwhile the Dodgers picked up one in the second, another in the fifth and then poured four runs over the plate, climaxing the rally against McDonald on Cox's three-run homer. Kuzava fanned Williams for the final out but when Gilliam homered and Snider singled in the ninth, Stengel brought in Reynolds. A fast double play resulted on Robinson's grounder and the Dodgers were beaten, 11 to 7.

GAME NO. SIX: Ford, back after his fourth-game disappointment, had it this time. He shut out the Dodgers until the sixth. Meanwhile the Yankees scored two in the first against Erskine on a walk to Woodling, Bauer's single, Berra's double and an error. Singles by Rizzuto and Ford and Woodling's fly made it 3-0 in the second. Robinson doubled, stole third and scored on an infield out in the sixth. Ford, leading 3 to 1, was replaced by Reynolds at the start of the eighth and a two-run homer by Furillo tied the score in the ninth. Reynolds, incensed at failing to protect Ford's lead, fanned Cox and Labine, ending the Dodger threat, and the Yankes came on to wind up the World Series story in their half when Bauer walked, moved down to second on Mantle's infield hit and scampered over the plate when Martin delivered through the middle for his twelfth hit of the series. It was Yankees, 4; Brooklyn, 3 — and four-two in games.

YANKEES vs DODGERS, 1953; SERIES SCORE BY INNINGS

(Winning-Losing Pitchers in Caps)

											R.	H.	E.
FIRST GAME—At Yankee Stadium													
Brooklyn	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	—	5	12	2
New York	4	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	x	—	9	12	0
Batteries: Erskine, Hughes, LABINE, Wade and Campanella; Reynolds, SAIN and Berra.													
SECOND GAME—At Yankee Stadium											R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	—	2	9	1
New York	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	x	—	4	5	0
Batteries: ROE and Campanella; LOPAT and Berra.													
THIRD GAME—At Ebbets Fields											R.	H.	E.
New York	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	—	2	6	0
Brooklyn	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	x	—	3	9	0
Batteries: RASCHI and Berra; ERSKINE and Campanella.													
FOURTH GAME—At Ebbets Field											R.	H.	E.
New York	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	—	3	9	0
Brooklyn	3	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	x	—	7	12	0
Batteries: FORD, Gorman, Sain, Schallock and Berra; LOES, Labine and Campanella.													
FIFTH GAME—At Ebbets Field											R.	H.	E.
New York	1	0	5	0	0	0	3	1	1	—	11	11	1
Brooklyn	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	1	—	7	14	1
Batteries: McDONALD, Kuzava, Reynolds and Berra; PODRES, Meyer, Wade, Black and Campanella.													
SIXTH GAME—At Yankee Stadium											R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	—	3	8	3
New York	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	—	4	13	0
Batteries: Erskine, Milliken, LABINE and Campanella; Ford, REYNOLDS and Berra.													

Yeah, Martin again! Why not? His single, driving in Hank Bauer, decided series in sixth game and won him plaudits from Co-Owners Del E. Webb (left) and Daniel R. Topping.

Five in the bag, six coming up. That seems to be the signal Casey Stengel is giving as he relaxes after his fifth straight World Championship, an all-time record.

Yankee Pilots-Their Records

Year By Year

Year	Position	Won	Lost	Pct.	Manager
1903	Fourth	72	62	.537	Clark Griffith
1904	Second	92	59	.609	Clark Griffith
1905	Sixth	71	78	.477	Clark Griffith
1906	Second	90	61	.596	Clark Griffith
1907	Fifth	70	78	.473	Clark Griffith
1908	Eighth	51	103	.331	Griffith-N. Elberfield
1909	Fifth	74	77	.490	George T. Stallings
1910	Second	88	63	.583	Stallings-Hal Chase
1911	Sixth	76	76	.500	Hal Chase
1912	Eighth	50	102	.329	Harry Wolverton
1913	Seventh	57	94	.377	Frank Chance
1914	*Sixth	70	84	.455	Chance-R. Peckinpaugh
1915	Fifth	69	83	.454	William E. Donovan
1916	Fourth	80	74	.519	William E. Donovan
1917	Sixth	71	82	.464	William E. Donovan
1918	Fourth	60	63	.488	Miller J. Huggins
1919	Third	80	59	.576	Miller J. Huggins
1920	Third	95	59	.617	Miller J. Huggins
1921	First	98	55	.641	Miller J. Huggins
1922	First	94	60	.610	Miller J. Huggins
1923	First	98	54	.645	Miller J. Huggins
1924	Second	89	63	.586	Miller J. Huggins
1925	Seventh	69	85	.448	Miller J. Huggins
1926	First	91	63	.591	Miller J. Huggins
1927	First	110	44	.714	Miller J. Huggins
1928	First	101	53	.656	Miller J. Huggins
1929	Second	88	66	.571	Miller J. Huggins
1930	Third	86	68	.558	Robert Shawkey
1931	Second	94	59	.614	Jos. V. McCarthy
1932	First	107	47	.695	Jos. V. McCarthy
1933	Second	91	59	.607	Jos. V. McCarthy
1934	Second	94	60	.610	Jos. V. McCarthy
1935	Second	89	60	.597	Jos. V. McCarthy
1936	First	102	51	.667	Jos. V. McCarthy
1937	First	102	52	.662	Jos. V. McCarthy
1938	First	99	53	.651	Jos. V. McCarthy
1939	First	106	45	.702	Jos. V. McCarthy
1940	Third	88	66	.571	Jos. V. McCarthy
1941	First	101	53	.656	Jos. V. McCarthy
1942	First	103	51	.669	Jos. V. McCarthy
1943	First	98	56	.636	Jos. V. McCarthy
1944	Third	83	71	.539	Jos. V. McCarthy
1945	Fourth	81	71	.533	Jos. V. McCarthy
1946	Third	87	67	.565	McCarthy-W. Dickey
1947	First	97	57	.630	Stanley Harris
1948	Third	94	60	.610	Stanley Harris
1949	First	97	57	.630	Charles D. Stengel
1950	First	98	56	.636	Charles D. Stengel
1951	First	98	56	.636	Charles D. Stengel
1952	First	95	59	.617	Charles D. Stengel
1953	First	99	52	.656	Charles D. Stengel
Totals		4443	3286	.575	

*Tied with Chicago for sixth place.

Finished First—20; Second—9; Third—7; Fourth—4; Fifth—3; Sixth—4; Seventh—2; Eighth—2.

Highest Percentage—.714 in 1927; lowest—.329 in 1912.

Clark Griffith

N. Elberfield

Yankees in World Series

YEAR	N.L. OPPONENT	YANKEES VICTORIES	OPP. VICTORIES
1921	Giants	3	5
*1922	Giants	0	4
1923	Giants	4	2
1926	Cardinals	3	4
1927	Pirates	4	0
1928	Cardinals	4	0
1932	Cubs	4	0
1936	Giants	4	2
1937	Giants	4	1
1938	Cubs	4	0
1939	Reds	4	0
1941	Dodgers	4	1
1942	Cardinals	1	4
1943	Cardinals	4	1
1947	Dodgers	4	3
1949	Dodgers	4	1
1950	Phillies	4	0
1951	Giants	4	2
1952	Dodgers	4	3
1953	Dodgers	4	2

*Also one tie game.

George T. Stallings

Hal Chase

Harry Wolverton

Frank Chance

R. Peckinpaugh

William E. Donovan

Miller J. Huggins

Stanley Harris

W. Dickey

Jos. V. McCarthy

Robert Shawkey

Top Yankee Bombers

Babe Ruth

Lou Gehrig

Bill Dickey

Year	Runs		Hits		Total Bases		Doubles		Triples	
1953	Mantle	105	McDougald	154	Berra	263	McDougald	27	McDougald	7
1952	Berra	97	Mantle	171	Mantle	291	Mantle	37	Rizzuto	10
1951	Berra	92	Berra	161	Berra	269	McDougald	23	Woodling	8
1950	Rizzuto	125	Rizzuto	200	Berra	318	Rizzuto	36	DiMaggio & Woodling	10
1949	Rizzuto	110	Rizzuto	169	Rizzuto	220	Rizzuto	22	Rizzuto & Woodling	7
1948	Henrich	138*	DiMaggio	190	DiMaggio	355*	Henrich	42	Henrich	14*
1947	Henrich	109	DiMaggio	168	DiMaggio	279	Henrich	35	Henrich	13*
1946	Keller	98	Keller	148	Keller	287	Keller	29	Keller	10
1945	Stirnweiss	107*	Stirnw.	195*	Stirnw.	301*	Stirnweiss	32	Stirnweiss	22*
1944	Stirnweiss	125*	Stirnw.	205*	Lindell	297*	Stirnweiss	35	Stirnweiss & Lindell	16*
1943	Keller	97	Johnson	166	Keller	269	Etten	35	Lindell	12*
1942	DiMaggio	123	DiMaggio	186	DiMaggio	304	Henrich	30	DiMaggio	13
1941	DiMaggio	122	DiMaggio	193	DiMaggio	348*	DiMaggio	43	DiMaggio	11
1940	Gordon	112	DiMaggio	179	DiMaggio	318	Gordon	32	Keller	15
1939	Rolfe	139*	Rolfe	213*	Rolfe	321	Rolfe	46*	Rolfe	10
1938	Rolfe	132	Rolfe	196	DiMaggio	348	Rolfe	36	DiMaggio	13
1937	DiMaggio	151*	DiMaggio	215	DiMaggio	418*	Gehrig	37	DiMaggio	15
1936	Gehrig	167*	DiMaggio	206	Gehrig	403	DiMaggio	44	Rolfe & DiMaggio	15*
1935	Gehrig	125*	Rolfe	192	Gehrig	312	Chapman	38	Selkirk	12
1934	Gehrig	128	Gehrig	210	Gehrig	409*	Gehrig	40	Chapman	13*
1933	Gehrig	138*	Gehrig	198	Gehrig	359	Gehrig	41	Combs	16
1932	Combs	143	Gehrig	208	Gehrig	370	Gehrig	42	Lazzeri	16
1931	Gehrig	163*	Gehrig	211*	Gehrig	410*	Lary	35	Gehrig	15
1930	Ruth	150	Gehrig	220	Gehrig	419*	Gehrig	42	Combs	22*
1929	Gehrig	127	Combs	202	Ruth	348	Lazzeri	37	Combs	15
1928	Ruth	163*	Gehrig	210	Ruth	380*	Gehrig	47*	Combs	21*
1927	Ruth	158*	Combs	231*	Gehrig	447*	Gehrig	52*	Combs	23*
1926	Ruth	139*	Ruth	184	Ruth	365*	Gehrig	47	Gehrig	20*
1925	Combs	117	Combs	203	Meusel	338	Combs	36	Combs	13
1924	Ruth	143*	Ruth	200	Ruth	391*	Meusel	40	Pipp	19*
1923	Ruth	151*	Ruth	205	Ruth	399*	Ruth	45	Ruth	13
1922	Witt	98	Pipp	190	Ruth	273	Pipp	32	Meusel	11
1921	Ruth	177*	Ruth	204	Ruth	457*	Ruth	44	Ruth & Meusel	16
1920	Ruth	158*	Pratt	180	Ruth	388	Meusel	40	Pipp	14

*League Leaders.

Bob Meusel

Earl Combs

Pitchers, 1920-1953

Vic Raschi

Allie Reynolds

Spud Chandler

Year	Games Pitched		Games Won		Games Lost		Percentage		Innings Pitched	
1953	Reynolds	41	Ford	18	Reynolds	7	Lopat	.800*	Ford	207
					Sain	7				
					McDonald	7				
1952	Reynolds	35	Reynolds	20	Reynolds	8	Raschi	.727	Reynolds	244
	Sain	35			Kuzava	8				
			Lopat &							
1951	Reynolds	40	Raschi	21	Raschi	10	Lopat	.700	Raschi	258
1950	Page	37	Raschi	21	Reynolds	12	Raschi	.724*	Raschi	257
					Lopat &					
1949	Page	60*	Raschi	21	Raschi	10	Byrne	.682	Raschi	275
1948	Page	55*	Raschi	19	Lopat	11	Raschi	.704	Reynolds	236
1947	Page	56	Reynolds	19	Bevens	13	Shea	.737*	Reynolds	242
1946	Chandler	34	Chandler	20	Bevens	13	Gumpert	.786	Chandler	257
					Zuber &					
1945	Turner	30	Bevens	13	Bonham	11	Ruffing	.700	Bevens	184
1944	Borowy	35	Borowy	17	Dubiel	13	Queen	.667	Borowy	253
1943	Murphy	37	Chandler	20*	Wensloff	11	Chandler	.833*	Chandler	253
1942	Murphy	31	Bonham	21	Murphy	10	Bonham	.808	Bonham	226
			Ruffing &							
1941	Murphy	35	Gomez	15	Russo	10	Gomez	.750	Russo	210
1940	Murphy	35	Ruffing	15	Ruffing	12	Bonham	.750	Ruffing	226
1939	Murphy	38	Ruffing	21	Gomez	8	Sundra	.917*	Ruffing	233
1938	Gomez &									
	Murphy	32	Ruffing	21	Gomez	12	Ruffing	.750	Ruffing	247
1937	Murphy	39	Gomez	21*	Gomez	11	Murphy	.765	Gomez	278
1936	Broaca	36	Ruffing	20	Ruffing	12	Hadley	.778	Ruffing	271
1935	Murphy	40	Ruffing	16	Gomez	15	Allen	.684	Gomez	246
1934	Murphy	40	Gomez	26*	Ruffing	11	Gomez	.839	Gomez	282*
1933	Ruffing,									
	Gomez &								Ruffing &	
	Moore	35	Gomez	16	Ruffing	14	Van Atta	.750	Gomez	235
1932	Gomez	37	Gomez	24	Pipgras	9	Allen	.810*	Gomez	265
1931	Gomez &									
	H. Johnson	40	Gomez	21	Ruffing	14	Gomez	.700	Gomez	243
1930	H. Johnson		Ruffing &							
	& Pipgras	44	Pipgras	15	Pipgras	15	Wells	.800	Pipgras	.221
1929	Moore	41	Pipgras	18	Pipgras	12	Zachary	1.000*	Pipgras	225
1928	Pipgras	46	Pipgras	24*	Pipgras	13	Hoyt	.767	Pipgras	301
1927	Moore	50	Hoyt	22*	Pennock	8	Hoyt	.759	Hoyt	256
1926	Shocker	41	Pennock	23	Hoyt	12	Pennock	.676	Pennock	266
1925	Pennock	47	Pennock	16	Jones	21*	Shocker	.500	Pennock	277*
1924	Hoyt	46	Pennock	21	Bush	16	Pennock	.700	Pennock	286
1923	Jones	39	Jones	21	Bush	15	Pennock	.760*	Bush	276
1922	Jones	45	Bush	26	Mays	14	Bush	.788*	Shawkey	300
1921	Mays	49*	Mays	27*	Hoyt	13	Mays	.750*	Mays	337*
1920	Mays	45	Mays	26	Shawkey	13	Mays	.703	Mays	312

*League Leaders.

Ernie Bonham

Eddie Lopat

Hank Borowy

Joe Page

Yankee History

ON THE evening of March 12, 1903, in the old Fifth Avenue Hotel, members of the infant American League met with their aggressive President, Ban Johnson, for the important business of voting a New York franchise into the league. Some months earlier Johnson had taken the necessary steps to transfer the Baltimore, Md., club into New York to compete with the already famous New York Giants of John McGraw.

Without much ado, the pioneers of the junior baseball circuit commended Johnson for his zealous efforts and unanimously voted the Highlanders, later to become the Yankees, into being. There is nothing in the minutes of that meeting stating as much but it's a safe bet there were a few glasses raised that evening to toast the future of the American League and to launch the New York team on the seas of baseball strife.

Happiest of all, of course, was Johnson. He knew this move had cemented the future of his beloved American League – and he was not wrong. No club has played a more dominant role in the history of baseball and no club has been a greater force in establishing the superiority of one league over the other.

There were lean years immediately ahead of the Highlanders and, indeed, it was not until 1921 – in their nineteenth season that the Yankees were to win their first A. L. pennant and not until 1923 were they to score their initial triumph over the champion of the other league. But, since 1921, they have won eighteen pennants and fifteen World Championships in three decades of triumph greater than any enjoyed by any other single club.

The years of victory, however, were preceded by seasons of struggle. The original owners of the Yankees, Frank Farrell and Bill Devery, named Clark Griffith as their first manager. While Griff had such renowned names as Wee Willie Keeler, Dave Fultz, Russ Ford, Jack Chesbro and Herman Long on the scorecards he carried to home plate, the Highlanders were able to win no championships during his 5-year tenure, although they finished second twice.

Following the departure of Griffith there were various managers tried at Hilltop Park, 168th Street and Broadway, original field of the club. There was Kid Elberfeld, George Stallings, Hal Chase, Harry Wolverton, Frank Chance and Roger Peckinpaugh, six managers in seven seasons and only one able to finish in the first division. And, to make matters worse, the gate receipts were falling off alarmingly and the co-owners were feuding.

In 1913 there was almost a complete new deal. This was the year when the Highlanders changed their name to the Yankees and moved into the Polo Grounds as tenants of the New York Giants.

But in 1915, a couple of friends of John McGraw, Colonel Jacob Ruppert and Colonel Tillinghast L'Hommedieu Huston, bought the ball club. They were not the sort of men who revelled in defeat and new players were poured into the Yankee picture. Bill Donovan became their first manager and it wasn't long before the Yankee fans were shouting for such men as Wally Pipp, Fritz Maisel, Ray Fisher, Birdie Cree, Home Run Baker, Frank Gilhooley, Urban Shocker and Bob Shawkey.

In 1918, however, the Yankees' new owners were still dissatisfied, particularly because they were fighting a losing turnstile battle with the Giants of John McGraw, and so they decided to bring in a new manager. Their own quarrel over the choice

WITH THEM A DYNASTY WAS BORN . . . Little Miller Huggins, manager of the Yankee champions of 1921, '22, '23, '26, '27 and '28, in a fieldside pose with Colonel Jacob Ruppert, driving force behind the rise of the Bombers.

THE HILLTOP . . . Where the Highlanders (later to become the Yankees) played ball in 1903. Location: Broadway at 168th St.

Since 1920

Larry Berra

Charley Keller

Joe DiMaggio

Year	Home Runs		Stolen Bases		Runs Batted In		Percentage (100 or more games)	
1953	Berra	27	Mantle	8	Berra	108	Woodling	.306
1952	Berra	30	Rizzuto	17	Berra	98	Mantle	.311
1951	Berra	27	Rizzuto	18	Berra	88	McDougald	.306
1950	DiMaggio	32	Rizzuto	12	Berra	124	Rizzuto	.324
1949	Henrich	24	Rizzuto	18	Berra	91	Henrich	.287
1948	DiMaggio	39*	Rizzuto	6	DiMaggio	155*	DiMaggio	.320
1947	DiMaggio	20	Rizzuto	11	Henrich	98	DiMaggio	.315
1946	Keller	30	Stirnweiss	18	Keller	101	Robinson	.297
1945	Etten	18	Stirnweiss	33*	Etten	111*	Stirnweiss	.309*
1944	Etten	22*	Stirnweiss	55*	Lindell	103	Stirnweiss	.319
1943	Keller	31	Stirnweiss	11	Etten	107	Johnson	.280
1942	Keller	26	Rizzuto	22	DiMaggio	114	Gordon	.322
1941	Keller	33	Rizzuto	14	DiMaggio	125*	DiMaggio	.357
1940	DiMaggio	31	Gordon	18	DiMaggio	133	DiMaggio	.352*
1939	DiMaggio	30	Selkirk	12	DiMaggio	126	DiMaggio	.381*
1938	DiMaggio	32	Crosetti	27*	DiMaggio	140	DiMaggio	.324
1937	DiMaggio	46*	Crosetti	13	DiMaggio	167	Gehrig	.351
1936	Gehrig	49*	Crosetti	18	Gehrig	152	Dickey	.362
1935	Gehrig	30	Chapman	17	Gehrig	119	Gehrig	.329
1934	Gehrig	49*	Chapman	26	Gehrig	165*	Gehrig	.363*
1933	Ruth	34	Chapman	27*	Gehrig	139	Gehrig	.334
1932	Ruth	41	Chapman	38*	Gehrig	151	Gehrig	.349
1931	Gehrig & Ruth	46*	Chapman	61*	Gehrig	184*	Ruth	.373
1930	Ruth	49*	Combs	16	Gehrig	174*	Gehrig	.379
1929	Ruth	46*	Combs	11	Ruth	154	Lazzeri	.354
1928	Ruth	54*	Lazzeri	15	Ruth & Gehrig	142*	Gehrig	.374
1927	Ruth	60*	Meusel	24	Gehrig	175*	Gehrig	.373
1926	Ruth	47*	Lazzeri & Meusel	16	Ruth	155*	Ruth	.372
1925	Meusel	33*	Combs	12	Meusel	138*	Combs	.343
1924	Ruth	46*	Meusel	26	Ruth	121	Ruth	.378*
1923	Ruth	41*	Ruth	17	Ruth	130*	Ruth	.393
1922	Ruth	35	Meusel	13	Ruth	96	Ripp	.329
1921	Ruth	59*	Ruth, Pipp & Meusel	17	Ruth	170*	Ruth	.378
1920	Ruth	54*	Ruth	14	Ruth	137*	Ruth	.376

*League Leaders.

Joe Gordon

Tommy Henrich

Leading Yankee

Herb Pennock

Wilcy Moore

Red Ruffing

Bob Shawkey

Johnny Murphy

Year	Base-on-Balls		Strikeouts		E.R.A.		Shutouts		Complete Games	
1953	Ford	110	Ford	110	Lopat	2.43*	Raschi	4	Ford	11
1952	Reynolds	97	Reynolds	160*	Reynolds	2.07*	Reynolds	6*	Reynolds	24
1951	Raschi	103	Raschi	164*	Lopat	2.91	Reynolds	7*	Lopat	20
1950	Byrne	160*	Reynolds	160	Lopat	3.47	Lopat	4*	Raschi	17
1949	Byrne	179*	Byrne	129	Page	2.60	Lopat	4	Raschi	21
1948	Reynolds	111	Raschi	124	Lopat	3.65	Raschi	6	Raschi	18
1947	Reynolds	123	Reynolds	129	Chandler	2.46*	Reynolds	5*	Reynolds	17
1946	Chandler	90	Chandler	138	Chandler	2.10	Chandler	6	Chandler	20
1945	Bevens	68	Bevens	76	Holcombe	1.80*	Bevens, Donald & Borowy	2	Bevens	14
1944	Borowy	88	Borowy	107	Borowy	2.63	Dubiel & Borowy	3	Dubiel & Borowy	19
1943	Zuber	74	Chandler	134	Chandler	1.64*	Chandler	5*	Chandler	20*
1942	Chandler	74	Borowy	85	Bonham	2.27	Bonham	6*	Bonham	22*
1941	Gomez	103	Russo	105	Murphy	1.99	Chandler	4	Russo	17
1940	Ruffing	76	Ruffing	97	Bonham	1.91*	Bonham & Ruffing	3	Ruffing	20
1939	Hadley	85	Gomez	102	Russo	2.41*	Ruffing	5*	Ruffing	22
1938	Pearson	113	Gomez	129	Ruffing	3.32	Gomez	4*	Ruffing	22
1937	Gomez	93	Gomez	194*	Gomez	2.33*	Gomez	6*	Gomez	25
1936	Pearson	135	Pearson	118	Murphy	3.38	Ruffing	3	Ruffing	25
1935	Gomez	86	Gomez	138	Ruffing	3.12	Tamulis	3	Ruffing	19
1934	Ruffing	104	Gomez	158*	Gomez	2.33*	Gomez	6*	Gomez	25*
1933	Gomez	106	Gomez	163*	Gomez	3.18	Gomez	4	Ruffing	18
1932	Ruffing	115	Ruffing	190*	Ruffing	3.10	Ruffing & Allen	3	Ruffing	22
1931	H. Johnson	102	Gomez	150	Gomez	2.63	Several	1	Ruffing	19
1930	H. Johnson	104	Ruffing	117	Pipgras	4.11	Pipgras	3	Pipgras	15
1929	Pipgras	95	Pipgras	125	Zachary & Heimach	2.47*	Pipgras & Wells	3	Pipgras	13
1928	H. Johnson	104*	Pipgras	139	Pennock	2.56	Pennock	5*	Pipgras	22
1927	Pipgras	77	Hoyt	86	Moore	2.28*	Hoyt & Reuther	3	Hoyt	22
1926	Jones	80	Hoyt	79	Shocker	3.38	Several	1	Pennock & Shocker	19
1925	Jones	104	Jones	92	Pennock	2.85	Pennock & Shocker	2	Pennock	21
1924	Bush	109*	Shawkey	114	Pennock	2.83	Pennock	4	Pennock	25
1923	Bush	117	Shawkey & Bush	125	Hoyt	3.01	Bush & Jones	3	Bush	23
1922	Shawkey	98	Shawkey	130	Shawkey	2.91	Hoyt & Shawkey	3	Jones & Mays	21
1921	Shawkey	86	Shawkey	126	Mays	3.08	Shawkey	3	Mays	30
1920	Shawkey	85	Shawkey	126	Shawkey	2.46	Mays	6	Mays	6*

*League Leaders.

Lefty Gomez

Monty Pearson

Waite Hoyt

of the new pilot eventually caused a crack-up between the two. Col. Ruppert held out for Miller Huggins, Col. Huston wanted Wilbert Robinson. Huggins was named.

Huggins managed the Yankees until his death during the season of 1929. He was part of a Yankee legend and part of an era which was to witness the arrival of Babe Ruth from Boston and his meteoric rise to slugging stardom. And shortly after Ruth there came from Boston Edward G. Barrow, installed as business manager. With Hug on the bench and Ed in the front office the Yankees were to become the greatest power in the game of baseball.

The Yankees won their first pennant in 1921 and great Yankees they were – Ruth, Hoyt, Schang, Meusel, Ward, Scott, Pipp, Shawkey, Baker, Mays. But, much to the chagrin of the two Colonels, they lost the World Series to John McGraw's Giants and it was the same story in 1922. By now the friendship which had marked the relationship of the two New York clubs had faded and when the Yankees were to be put out as Polo Grounds tenants, they went looking for a ball park site. They found it right across the Ha[illegible] river and in April of 1923 Yankee Stadium [illegible] opened.

That was a remarkable yea[illegible] the Yankees. They won their pennant by seve[illegible] games. Then, despite two game-winning hom[illegible]s by Casey Stengel, they beat the Giants in the World Series. They had won their first World Championship. Their star was on the rise – and then suddenly the bottom dropped out of everything. Although strengthened in 1924 by the addition of Earle Combs and Lou Gehrig, injuries to key players caused them to falter in the stretch and in 1925 they finished out of the first division, tumbling all the way to seventh place.

A rebuilding process was begun. Mark Koenig, at short, and Tony Lazzeri, at second, proved the necessary spark. Ruth, Combs and Meusel formed an outfield second to none and with Herb Pennock moving to his peak, the Yankees bounced back to the top in 1926 – conquering all until they ran into Rogers Hornsby's St. Louis Cardinals and Ol' Pete Alexander in the World Series.

But the Yankees were roaring now! Many consider the Yankees of 1927 the greatest baseball team of all time. That was the year Babe Ruth hit sixty home runs and the record still stands. It was "Murderers Row" with the Babe and Lou and Meusel and Lazzeri bombing day after day. And with Hoyt, Pennock, Shocker, Pipgras and the amazing relief pitcher, Wilcy Moore, Huggins piloted his team to an all-time Yankee high of 110 victories. They swept the Pirates in the World Series and a year later, after winning the American League pennant with a mere 101 triumphs, knocked out the Cardinals in four straight. No wonder the cry went up: "Break Up the Yankees!"

Careening along at the top of the baseball world the Yankees, at the very height of their dominance, faltered in 1929 and the year was touched, too, with tragedy – the tragedy of Miller Huggins' passing. He died during the September pennant stretch. The Yankees finished second to the A's and a year later dropped to third as Connie Mack's club won once again

Joe McCarthy, who had piloted the Chicago Cubs to the National League pennant in 1929 but had lost the World Series to Connie Mack, became Yankee manager in 1931. He got off to a modest beginning when his Yankees finished second to Mack's last champions, but in '32 he brought the Yankees back on top the American League pile

THE STADIUM of the 1920s . . . note the antiquated taxicabs of that day.

YANKEE STADIUM TODAY . . . aerial view with the Polo Grounds, once the home of the Bombers, in the background.

MARSE JOE . . . A great leader of men, Joe McCarthy, piloted the Yankees to pennants in 1932, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1942 and 1943 and tasted defeat in only one of his eight Yankee World Series.

once again and inaugurated the most successful managerial career in the history of the game. Before he left the Yankees early in '46, Marse Joe was to skipper them to eight pennants and seven World Championships, was to become the first manager ever to win four straight World Series and was to win seven flags in an eight-year stretch.

(As the Yankees play their 50th season in the American League, the record of Joe McCarthy as manager of the club must be recalled as one of the outstanding accomplishments in the circuit's glamorous history!)

With Red Ruffing and Lefty Gomez forming the nucleus for a grand pitching staff in '32, McCarthy's Yankees set a torrid pace from Spring to Fall, won 107 games and plowed through his old Chicago Cubs in the World Series like a tractor running wild on a prairie. That was the series in which Lou Gehrig hit for an average of .529 and blasted three home runs. Ruth and Lazzeri hit two out of the park, too, and one of Ruth's was the famous blow off Charlie Root when the Babe majestically pointed to a spot in dead center and called his shot.

Yes, those were magnificent Yankees – the Yankees of '32 but there were to be many changes in the lineup before they were back in the World Series again for the Yankees of 1933, '34 and '35 were all second-place teams. Still, something new had been added to the Yankees, something which was to pay rich dividends. In 1932 George M. Weiss was installed as manager of the Yankee farm system. And with Ruth and other great Yankees concluding their careers, a time of rebuilding was ahead. This time the farm system made it easy. In a few years its products studded the Yankee line-up and other players were made available to the Yankees because Weiss had men on his farms coveted by other clubs.

Such a player was Joe DiMaggio who came on the Yankee scene in 1936. Only the fact that the Yankees had farm players in abundance made the deal for DiMaggio possible. It was to prove a profitable deal. For the next eight years the Yankees won seven pennants and only one club – 1942 – failed to top its rival in the October Classic. The Cardinals took the measure of the Bombers that season and paid for their indiscretion one October later.

Just as there are many who rate the 1927 Yankees the greatest of all time so, too, have the teams of the 1936-'39 era gained a high place in the

Outstanding Records Established By Stars

MAJOR LEAGUE RECORDS

Most years playing 150 or more games—
12—Lou Gehrig (1926-1934, 1936-1938)
Most years leading league in games played—
7—Lou Gehrig (1927, '30, '32, '34, '36, '37, '38)
Most consecutive games played—
2,130—Lou Gehrig (June 1, 1925 until May 2, 1939)
Most runs, season—
177—Babe Ruth (1921)
Most consecutive games, scoring runs—
18—Red Rolfe (1939)
Most years leading league, runs scored—
8—Babe Ruth (1919, '20, '21, '23, '24, '26, '27, '28)
Most years, 100 or more runs—
13—Lou Gehrig (1926-1938, inclusive)
Most runs batted in, lifetime—
2,209—Babe Ruth
Most years leading league, runs batted in—
6—Babe Ruth (1919, '20, '21, '23, '26, '28)
Most years 100 or more runs batted in—
13—Babe Ruth (1919, '20, '21, '23, '24, '26, '27, '28 '29, '30, '31, '32, '33)
13—Lou Gehrig (1926, '27, '28, '29, '30, '31, '32, '33, '34, '35, '36, '37, '38)
Most years 150 or more runs batted in—
7—Lou Gehrig (1927, '30, '31, '32, '34, '36, '37)
Most Runs Batted in, inning—
6—Gil McDougald (May 3, 1951)
Making 200 hits in first full season—
206—Joe DiMaggio (138 games in 1936)
Most consecutive games batting safely—
56—Joe DiMaggio (91 hits, including 16 doubles, 4 triples, 15 homers, May 15 to July 16, 1941)
Six hits in six consecutive times at bat—
Tied by Myril Hoag (June 6, 1934)
Most years leading league in extra-base hits—
7—Tied by Babe Ruth (1918, '19, '20, '21, '23, '24, '28)
Most extra base hits, lifetime—
1,356—Babe Ruth
Most extra base hits, season—
119—Babe Ruth (1921—44 doubles, 16 triples, 59 homers)
Most times four extra base hits, game—
5—Lou Gehrig
Most years leading league in extra bases—
9—Babe Ruth (1918, '19, '20, '21, '23, '24, '26, '28, '29)
Most years 100 or more extra bases—
14—Tied by Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig
Most years 200 or more extra bases—
4—Babe Ruth (1920, '21, '27, '28)
Most extra bases, lifetime—
2,920—Babe Ruth
Most extra bases, season—
253—Babe Ruth
Most extra bases, game—
12—Tied by Lou Gehrig (4 home runs June 3, 1932)
Most extra bases, inning—
6—Tied by Joe DiMaggio (2 home runs, 5th inning, June 24, 1936)
Most total bases, season—
457—Babe Ruth (1921)
Most total bases, game—
16—Tied by Lou Gehrig (June 3, 1932)
Most total bases. inning—
8—Tied by Joe DiMaggio (June 24, 1936)
Most years 400 or more total bases—
5—Lou Gehrig (1927, '30, '31, '34, '36)
Highest slugging percentage, lifetime—
690—Babe Ruth
Most years leading league in slugging percentage—
13—Babe Ruth (1918-1924, 1926-1931)
Highest slugging percentage, one season—
847—Babe Ruth (1920)
Most 2-base hits, game—
4—Tied by John Lindell (Aug. 17, 1944)

esteem of the experts. Those four teams – with DiMaggio, Gehrig, Lazzeri, Crosetti, Charlie Keller, Joe Gordon, Tommy Henrich, Spud Chandler, Johnny Murphy, George Selkirk, Bill Dickey and Red Rolfe, to name but a few of the stars – won their four straight World Championships with the loss of only three games. It was a six-game series with the Giants in '36, a five-game set in '37 and sweeps of the Cubs and Reds in '38 and '39.

At the pinnacle of their dominance in '39 the Yankees were saddened by the death of Colonel Ruppert and the knowledge that their captain, Lou Gehrig, hero of 2,130 consecutive games, had contracted a disease which was to bring about his untimely death. Gehrig benched himself in a game in Detroit.

"I don't know what's wrong with me," he told Joe McCarthy in the manager's suite at the Book Cadillac. But I know I'm not helping the Yankees. I want you to put me on the bench today, Joe."

And so Gehrig's streak, which had begun on June 1, 1925, was ended. The Yankees, with tear-stained cheeks, blasted the Tigers that day, 18 to 4.

A few days later Gehrig was told by the doctors he would never play baseball again.

Although Joe DiMaggio led the American League batters with a mark of .352 in 1940, the Yankees lost the pennant in a driving finish with Detroit and Cleveland. The Bombers finished only two games out of first place and thus lost an opportunity to win eight straight championships for they were back at the top again in '41, '42 and '43.

Through the Ruth-Gehrig era many records had fallen to the Yankees, the most notable, of course, being the Babe's sixty homers in 1927 and Gehrig's 2,130 consecutive games from June, 1925, to 1939.

OLDTIMERS DAY . . . Memories drifted back over the years for fans who attended the Yankees' Silver Anniversary day and witnessed this never-to-be-forgotten tableau as Babe Ruth appeared in his No. 3 uniform for the last time. Shortly after this Pulitzer Prize picture was taken Ruth died.

Another mark at which baseball stars may be shooting for many a year was to be set in 1941 when DiMaggio ran off a string of fifty-six straight hitting games, blasting enemy hurling for a .408 average over the span as he racked up 91 hits, including 16 doubles, 4 triples and 15 home runs. He drove in 55 runs and hoisted the Yankees into a commanding lead they never lost in the pennant chase .

Later that Summer his team mates, in an unusual gesture among ball players, gathered in the road secretary's suite at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington and presented to Joe a humidor with all their autographs. Chances are Joe prizes this above all other awards he has received. It indicated his team mates thought of him as more than a star – a great team ball player.

Of The New York Yankees—1903—1953

Most home runs, lifetime—
714—Babe Ruth
Most years leading league home runs—
12—Babe Ruth (1918-1921, 1923-1924, 1926-1931)
Most years 50 or more home runs—
4—Babe Ruth (1920, 1921, 1927, 1928)
Most home runs, season—
60—Babe Ruth (1927—28 at home, 32 on road)
Most times 2 or more home runs, game—
72—Babe Ruth
Most home runs, inning—
2—Tied by Joe DiMaggio (June 24, 1936)
Most home runs, 3 consecutive games—
6—Tied by Tony Lazzeri (1936)
Most home runs, game—
4—Tied by Lou Gehrig (hit in 4 consecutive times at bat, June 3, 1932)
Most home runs with bases filled, lifetime—
23—Lou Gehrig
Most home runs by pinch hitters, club, season—
7—1953
Most runs, one club, season—
1,067—Yankees of 1931
Most players 100 or more runs batted in, one club, one season—
5—Dickey, DiMaggio, Gehrig, Lazzeri, Selkirk (1936)
Most runs batted in, one club, season—
995—Yankees of 1936
Most hits, one club, game—
30—Yankees (Sept. 28, 1923)
Most total bases, one club, season—
2,703—Yankees of 1936
Most extra base hits, one club, season—
580—Yankees of 1936 (315 doubles, 83 triples, 182 homers)
Most years leading in home runs—
29—Yankees of 1915-1917, 1919-1921, 1923-1931, 1933, 1936-1947, 1951
Most years 100 or more home runs—
30—Yankees (1920-1921, 1923, 1925-1943, 1946-1953)
Most consecutive years 100 or more home runs—
19—Yankees of 1925-1943
Most home runs, one club, game—
8—Yankees (June 28, 1939)
Most consecutive games one or more home runs, one club—
25—Yankees (June 1-29, 1941)
Most bases on balls, one club, inning—
11—Yankees (3rd inning, Sept. 11, 1949)
Most double plays, one club, game—
7—Yankees (August 14, 1942)
Fewest times shut out, season—
0—Tied by Yankees of 1932
Most consecutive games without being shut out—
308—Yankees (Aug. 2, 1931 to Aug. 3, 1933)
Scoring in every inning, nine-inning game—
Tied by Yankees (vs. St. Louis) July 26, 1939
Most years winning 100 or more games, season, 1900 to date—
8—Yankees of 1927, '28, '32, '36, '37, '39, '41, '42
Most games won from one club, season—
21—Tied by Yankees of 1927 (vs. St. Louis)
Most doubleheaders won, consecutive days—
5—Yankees (vs. Washington, Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1; vs. Phila., Sept. 3; vs. Boston, Sept. 4, 1906)
Most consecutive World Championships, club—
5—Yankees of 1949, '50. '51, '52, '53
Most league championships (modern)—
20—Yankees of 1921, '22, '23, '26, '27, '28, '32, '36, '37, '38, '39, '41, '42, '43, '47, '49, '50, '51, '52, '53
Managers' consecutive championship record—
5 years—Casey Stengel (1949, '50, '51, '52, '53)
Most home runs with bases filled, season—
4—Tied by Lou Gehrig (1934)
Tied by Tom Henrich (1948)
Most home runs with bases filled, same game—
2—Tied by Tony Lazzeri (May 24, 1936)

BASEBALL'S GREATEST ONE-TWO PUNCH . . . Ruth and Gehrig, as they awaited the call to "Play Ball" at an Opening Day in the Roaring 20's.

The World Series of '41 was a hectic affair with the Brooklyn Dodgers. Only five games were needed to reach a decision but into those five contests was packed considerable excitement. There was Joe Gordon's home run winning the first game, 3 to 2, and Whitlow Wyatt evening the score for the Dodgers next day. The third game was a brisk duel between Marius Russo and Freddie Fitzsimmons until the former's line drive bounced off Freddie's knee and knocked him out of action. Mickey Owen's famous passed ball on what looked like the final strike of the fourth game gave the Yankees an opening through which they poured four runs and romped to a 7-to-4 triumph and Ernie Bonham beat Wyatt in a bitter duel in the finale, 3 to 1.

After beating the Dodgers in '41 and splitting series with the Cardinals in '42 and '43, the Yankees, crippled as were most clubs by World War II, did not return to the October scene until 1947 when they again took on the Dodgers, this time for a seven-game series. By that time the club had passed from the Ruppert estate to Dan Topping, Del Webb and Larry MacPhail. Lights had been installed at Yankee Stadium and 1947 was the second year in which the Yankees topped the 2,000,000-fan mark in popularity. Joe McCarthy had retired as manager and after Bill Dickey and Johnny Neun finished the season of '46, Bucky Harris had taken over in '47. He won in his freshman year, came close again in '48 and was replaced by Casey Stengel in '49.

During the 1948 season the Yankees, who had already retired Lou Gehrig's No. 4 uniform for all time, staged an Oldtimers' Day at the Stadium and in a never-to-be-forgotten tableau at home plate Babe Ruth's No. 3 and the Ruth and Gehrig lockers passed on to Baseball's Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N. Y. It was the last time Babe got into a uniform. Not long thereafter he died and for two days and nights thousands filed quietly past his bier and paid their last respects to him in the flower-bedecked Stadium lobby. He was buried from St. Patrick's Cathedral. Will there ever be a greater Yankee?

Wherever it belongs in the rating of Yankee teams of the past, the Yankees of '49 richly deserved the title of "Baseball's Fightingest Team" put on them by the baseball writers. With Joe DiMaggio out of the first sixty-five games due to a heel infec-

Most bases on balls, lifetime—
2,056—Babe Ruth
Most years leading league, bases on balls—
11—Babe Ruth, (1920, '21, '23, '24, '26, '27, '28, '30, '31, '32, '33)
Most years 100 or more bases on balls—
13—Babe Ruth
Most bases on balls, season—
170—Babe Ruth (1923)
Most strikeouts, lifetime—
1,330—Babe Ruth
Most chances accepted at first base, game—
22—Tied by Hal Chase (1906)
Most years leading league in fielding at shortstop—
8—Everett Scott
Highest fielding percentage at second base, season—
.993—George Stirnweiss (1948)
Most years catching 100 or more games—
13—Bill Dickey (consecutively 1929-'41)
Most assists, inning, catcher—
3—Tied by Leslie Nunamaker (2nd inning, Aug. 3, 1914)
Tied by Bill Dickey (6th inning, May 13, 1929)
Most years pitching—
22—Tied by Herb Pennock and Red Ruffing
Most complete games pitched, season—
48—Jack Chesbro, 1904
Most games won, season—
41—Jack Chesbro, 1904
Two no-hitters, season—
1951—Allie Reynolds
Most runs batted in by pitcher, game—
7—Vic Raschi, 1953

AMERICAN LEAGUE RECORDS

All records above-listed are also American League records, of course. Among the outstanding performances which are American League records, only, are the following:

Highest fielding average, season, outfielder—
.9968—Joe DiMaggio (1947)
Most putouts, game, outfielder—
11—Tied by Harry F. Rice
Most times at bat, club, in 9-inning game—
56—Yankees (June 28, 1939)
Most total bases, one club, 9-inning game—
53—Yankees (June 28, 1939—17 singles, 2 doubles, 8 home runs)
Most total bases, club, inning—
24—Yankees (May 3, 1951)
Most runs batted in, season—
184—Lou Gehrig (1931)
Most times 3 or more home runs, game—
4—Lou Gehrig
Most home runs, one club, season—
182—Yankees of 1936
Most stolen bases, one club, game—
15—Yankees (vs. St. Louis, Sept. 28, 1911)
Highest percentage of games won—
714—Yankees of 1927 (110 won, 44 lost)
Most runs batted in, game—
25—Yankees (May 24, 1936)
Highest team batting average for pennant winner—
.307—Yankees of 1927
Consecutive club victories—
19—Tied by Yankees of 1947
Most consecutive errorless chances, shortstop—
288—Phil Rizzuto, 1949-'50
Most games won, season—
110—Yankees of 1927
Most times winning two games, one day, season—
14—Tied by Yankees of 1943
Most consecutive series won, season—
13—Yankees of 1943
First player hitting 3 home runs in game at Griffith Stadium—
Joe DiMaggio, 1950
Most runs 9th inning—
11—vs. St. Louis (May 3, 1951)
Fewest times grounded into double plays, club, season—93
Consecutive hits by pinch hitter—
5—John Mize, 1953

HIGHLIGHTS IN CAREER OF JOE DiMAGGIO . . . (1) A star in the Pacific Coast League, Joe played on four World Championship clubs his first four years in the majors (1936, '37, '38, '39); (2) In 1941 Joe hit in 56 consecutive games. He is shown here passing George Sisler's old record of 41 hitting games; (3) Late in his career he was signed to a contract which was higher than any ever paid a Yankee player; (4) At opening day, 1952, he retired from baseball and turned over his No. 5 uniform to Baseball's Hall of Fame.

WORLD SERIES RECORDS

The Yankees, who have taken part in more World Series than any other club in baseball, also have dominated the record-making in the October Classic. Some of the top records held by the Bronx Bombers follow:

Most series played—
10—Babe Ruth (With Boston: 3—1915, '16, '18; with New York: 7—1921, '22, '23, '26, '27, '28, '32)
10—Joe DiMaggio 1936-'39, '41-'42, '47, '49-'51)
Most times on winning club—
9—Joe DiMaggio
Most series batting .300 or better—
6—Babe Ruth (1921, '23, '26, '27, '28, '32)
Highest batting percentage, 4 or more games, one series—
.625—Babe Ruth (4 game series of 1928)
Most games played with one club—
51—Joe DiMaggio
Most series games played—
51—Joe DiMaggio
Most times at bat, total series—
199—Joe DiMaggio
Most runs, total series—
37—Babe Ruth
Most runs, one series—
9—Babe Ruth (1928) and Lou Gehrig (1932)
Most runs, game—
4—Babe Ruth (Oct. 6, 1926)
Earle Combs (Oct. 2, 1932)
Frank Crosetti (Oct. 2, 1936)
Most runs batted in, total series—
35—Lou Gehrig
Most runs batted in, one series—
9—Lou Gehrig (1928)
Most runs batted in, game—
5—Tony Lazzeri (Oct. 2, 1936)
Bill Dickey (Oct. 2, 1936)
Most runs batted in, inning—
4—Tied by Tony Lazzeri (Oct. 2, 1936)
—Gil McDougald (Oct. 9, 1951)
—Mickey Mantle (Oct. 4, 1953)
Most triples, 6-game series—
2—Billy Martin
Most triples, total series—
4—Tied by Bill Johnson
Most home runs, total series—
15—Babe Ruth
Most home runs, one series—
4—Babe Ruth (1926)
Lou Gehrig (1928)
Most home runs, game—
3—Babe Ruth (Oct. 6, 1926)
Babe Ruth (Oct. 9, 1928)
Home run with bases filled—
1—Tied by Tony Lazzeri (Oct. 2, 1936)
—Gil McDougald (Oct. 9, 1951)
—Mickey Mantle (Oct. 4, 1953)
Most total bases, total series—
96—Babe Ruth
Most total bases, game—
12—Babe Ruth (Oct. 6, 1926 and Oct. 9, 1928)
Most total bases, 6-game series—
23—Billy Martin
Most extra-base hits, one series—
6—Babe Ruth (1928)
Most extra-base hits, total series—
22—Babe Ruth
Most bases on balls, one series—
11—Babe Ruth (1926)
Most bases on balls, total series—
33—Babe Ruth
Most assists, catcher, series—
7—Larry Berra (1952)
Most hits, 6-game series—
12—Billy Martin (also ties all-series record)
Most assists, game, second baseman—
8—Tied by Joe Gordon (Oct. 5, 1943)
Chances accepted by catcher—
67—Larry Berra (1952—seven game series)
Putouts, catcher—
59—Larry Berra (1952—7 game series)
Chances accepted by shortstop—
40—Phil Rizzuto (1951, 6-game series)
Participating in most double plays, game—
4—Phil Rizzuto (Oct. 8, 1951)
Pitching in most series—
7—Waite Hoyt (1921, '22, '23, '26, '27, '28; with Phila., '31)
Red Ruffing (1932, '36, '37, '38, '39, '41, '42)
Most victories, total series—
7—Red Ruffing, Allie Reynolds
All victories, no defeats—
6—Lefty Gomez
Fewest earned runs, pitcher winning 2 or more games, series—
0—Waite Hoyt in 8-game series (1921)
Most consecutive innings, no hits, no runners reaching first, game—
7-1/3—Tied by Herb Pennock (Oct. 7, 1927)
Most consecutive innings, no hits, game—
8-2/3 innings—Floyd Bevens (Oct. 3, 1947)
Most strikeouts, one pitcher, total series—
62—Allie Reynolds
Retiring side on 3 pitched balls—
Tied by Ernie Bonham (7th inning, Oct. 6, 1941)
Most runs, one club, game—
18—Yankees (Oct. 2, 1936)
Largest winning margin, single game—
14—vs. Giants, 18 to 4 (Oct. 2, 1936)
Most runs batted in, one club, game—
18—Yankees (Oct. 2, 1936)
Most home runs, one club, one series—
10—7-game series of 1952
Most home runs, 2 clubs—
17—Yankees, 9; Dodgers, 8, 1953
Most home runs, one club, game—
5—Yankees (Oct. 9, 1928)
Most consecutive games home runs, club—
7—Yankees (1952)
6—Yankees (1936)
Most total bases, one club, game—
32—Yankees (Oct. 6, 1928)
Yankees (Oct. 2, 1932)
Most bases on balls, one club, game—
10—Yankees (off St. Louis pitchers, Oct. 6, 1926)
Yankees (off Brooklyn pitchers, Oct. 4, 1947)
Fewest players used as pinch hitters, series—
0—Yankees of 1939
Most double plays, club—
10—Yankees (1951)
Home run by pinch hitter—
Larry Berra (Oct. 2, 1947)
Johnny Mize (Oct. 3, 1952)
4-game series sweeps—
6—Yankees of 1927, '28, '32, '38, '39, '50
Most series played by one club—
20—Yankees of 1921, '22, '23, '26, '27, '28, '32, '36, '37, '38, '39, '41, '42, '43, '47, '49, '50, '51, '52, '53
Club winning most games—
71—Yankees in 20 series
Most consecutive games won, total series—
12—Yankees of 1927, '28, '32
Most World Championships won—
16—Yankees of 1923, '27, '28, '32, '36, '37, '38, '39, '41, '43, '47, '49, '50, '51, '52, '53
Manager, most series—
9—Tied by Joe McCarthy (one with Chicago Cubs)
Manager, winning most series—
7—Joe McCarthy
Manager, winning most consecutive World Championships—
5—Casey Stengel (1949, '50, '51, '52, '53)

tion and with regulars and replacements, alike, suffering an amazing total of seventy-odd injuries, Casey Stengel juggled his line-up like a chess master and the Yankees staged one of the most heroic battles for a pennant in all baseball.

All seemed lost on October 1 and it seemed the Yankees' pennant hopes would be buried on the day they were honoring their greatest star—Joe DiMaggio Day. Leading by a single game with only two to go, the Boston Red Sox piled up a 4-to-0 lead in the early innings of that Saturday game and it seemed all over but the handshaking. But the Yankees fought back. Their great relief pitcher, Joe Page, stopped the Red Sox cold, the Yankees drew even at 4-4 and then big Johnny Lindell smashed a home run to tie the race. Next day Gerry Coleman hit a three-run double into right field in the late innings and Vic Raschi stood off a last-ditch Boston challenge as the Yankees won their sixteenth flag. They took the Dodgers in five in the World Series.

A stirring four-club race in 1950 saw the Yankees, Tigers, Red Sox and Indians go into the September stretch with a chance to win the flag. But the Men of Stengel had it in the clutch. On September 16 they went out front, never to be headed, and won by three lengths. For the sixth time in Yankee history, they swept a World Series in four straight games. All games were close for pitchers dominated the series. They were all close—but the Yankees didn't lose any!

The Yankees rode home in front in '51 and, after trailing, two games to one, swept through the last three games of an exciting series with the New York Giants. Standing out in this series was a Grand Slam home run by Gil McDougald, first ever hit by a rookie; the magnificent all-around play of Phil Rizzuto, winner of the Babe Ruth Memorial Award, and the farewell of Jolting Joe DiMaggio, who finished with a record of having played in more series games than any player in the game's history and having played, as well, on more winners (9) than any star of baseball. Joe announced his retirement shortly after the World Series and made it official Opening Day, 1952, when he turned over his No. 5 uniform to Baseball's Hall of Fame.

Down through the '51 campaign the Yankees were continually in the game's spotlight. Allie Reynolds pitched a pair of no-hitters against Cleveland and Boston. Yogi Berra won the Most Valuable Player award. And Gil McDougald won Rookie of the Year honors. Only the DiMaggio retirement marred this great season.

In the Spring of 1952, as the Yankees were preparing to inaugurate their 50th campaign in the American League, New York's veteran baseball scribes voted an All-Time Yankee Team into the club's record books. Three men, Babe Ruth, Joe DiMaggio and Bill Dickey, received every vote. Lou Gehrig received 46 of a possible 48 votes. Only Phil Rizzuto of the then-active Yankees was picked.

The All-Time Yankee team included Bill Dickey, catcher; Red Ruffing, right-handed pitcher; Lefty Gomez and Herb Pennock, tied among left-handers; Johnny Murphy, relief pitcher; Gehrig, Tony Lazzeri, Rizzuto and Red Rolfe the first-string infield with Frankie Crosetti as the utility infielder, and Ruth, DiMaggio and Bob Meusel in the outfield.

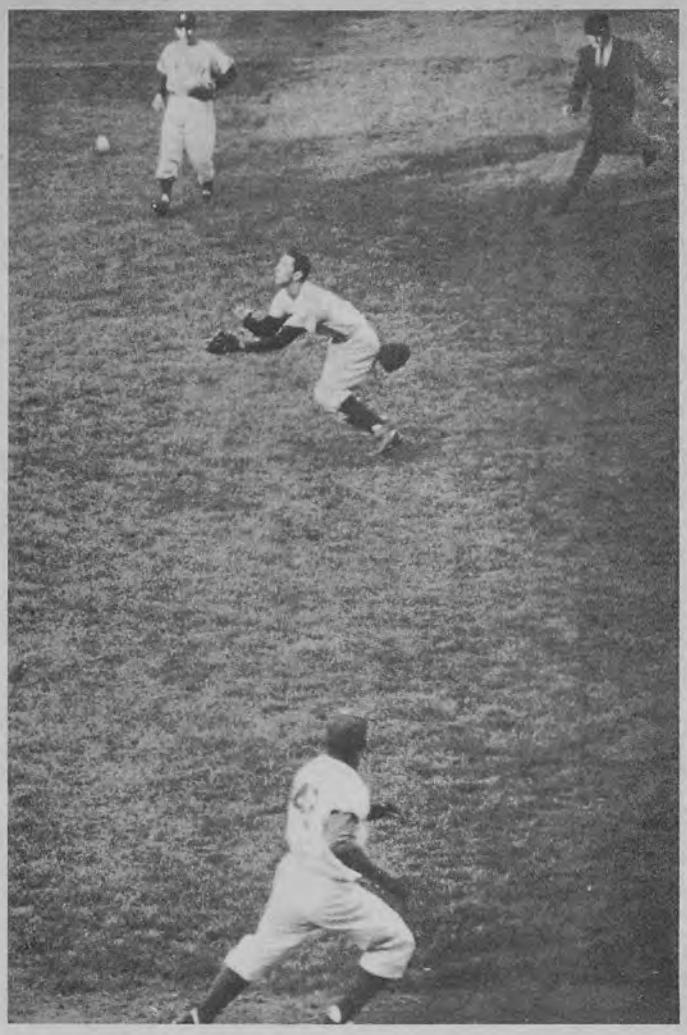
GRAND SLAM . . . Gil McDougald smashes home run with bases loaded during World Series of 1951 against Giants.

And the 1927 team, which included five of those stars and which won 110 games, was voted the outstanding team in Yankee history.

The Yankees of 1953 were the Sports Story of the Year! Could they make it five in a row? That was the popular question being asked long before Casey Stengel herded his men in the little clubhouse at Miller Huggins Field and told them how much he wanted to win this 1953 flag. Twice before teams had enjoyed the opportunity to win five straight pennants but neither had succeeded. John J. McGraw's Giants of 1921-'22-'23-'24 missed in '25. McCarthy's Yankees of '36-'37-'38-'39 failed in '40.

But Stengel's Yankees of 1953, a club including only a handful of men who had begun the victory parade in 1949, a squad which had been rebuilt while winning, did not falter. They snatched eighteen straight games in late May and early June. They lost nine in a row—their worst streak in the Stengel regime—in late June but they were up front in the American League race all the way from May 11 until September 14 when they clinched the flag by beating the runner-up Cleveland Indians. It was Casey's easiest Yankee victory.

And in the World Series they once again took the measure of the Dodgers, four games to two. They were sparked by irrepressible Billy Martin who made twelve hits, good for twenty-three bases and became the fifth straight Yankee to



LIFE-SAVER CATCH . . . Billy Martin makes third-out shoestring grab of hoist by Jackie Robinson with bases filled, seventh game, 1952 World Series.

PRIDE OF THE YANKEES

BATTING CHAMPIONS

Babe Ruth 1924
Lou Gehrig 1934
Joe DiMaggio 1939
1940
George Stirnweiss .. 1945

BABE RUTH AWARD

(Top World Series Players)
Joe Page 1949
Jerry Coleman 1950
Phil Rizzuto 1951
Johnny Mize 1952
Billy Martin 1953

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Babe Ruth 1923
Lou Gehrig 1927, 1931, 1934, 1936
Joe DiMaggio 1939, 1941, 1947
Joe Gordon 1942
Spud Chandler 1943
Phil Rizzuto 1950
Larry Berra 1951

R.B.I. LEADERS

Babe Ruth 1920, 1921, 1923, 1926, 1928
Bob Meusel 1925
Lou Gehrig 1927, 1928, 1930, 1931, 1934
Joe DiMaggio 1941, 1948
Nick Etten 1945

HOMER CHAMPIONS

Wally Pipp 1916, 1917
Babe Ruth 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1923, 1924, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931
Bob Meusel 1925
Lou Gehrig 1931, 1934, 1936
Joe DiMaggio 1937, 1948
Nick Etten 1944

win the Babe Ruth award as the outstanding star of the October Classic. During the season Ed Lopat won American League pitching laurels as the Earned-Run and Won-and-Lost Percentage leader and Yogi Berra finished second in the Most Valuable Player voting. But for the most part this Yankee ensemble was outstanding, not for the individual brilliance of one or two players, but for the all-around balance. It was a team's team!

In this year of perhaps the greatest triumph, when Casey Stengel's five-in-a-row went into the books bracketed with other great Yankee accomplishments such as Babe Ruth's 60 homers, Lou Gehrig's 2,130 consecutive games and Joe DiMaggio's 56-straight hitting games, the Yankees were touched, too, with sadness. In December, at eighty-five years of age after an heroic battle which hospitalized him throughout most of the Summer and Fall, Ed Barrow died.

ALL-TIME YANKEE TEAM

In the Spring of 1952, as the Yankees inaugurated their 50th year in the American League, veteran New York baseball writers voted an All-Time Yankee Team. Photos of these players are enshrined in the Yankee Stadium's "Home of Champions Lobby" behind home plate.

The team selected follows:

POSITION	PLAYER	YEARS WITH CLUB
Catcher	Bill Dickey	**1928-1946
Right-Handed Pitcher	Red Ruffing	1930-1946
Left-Handed Pitcher	*Vernon Gomez	1930-1943
	*Herb Pennock	1923-1933
Relief Pitcher	Johnny Murphy	1932-1946
First Base	Lou Gehrig	1922-1939
Second Base	Tony Lazzeri	1926-1939
Shortstop	Phil Rizzuto	1941——
Third Base	Red Rolfe	1931-1942
Utility Infielder	Frank Crosetti	**1932-1948
Left Field	Bob Meusel	1920-1929
Center Field	Joe DiMaggio	1936-1951
Right Field	Babe Ruth	1920-1934

*finished in tie

**still with club as coach

THIS DID IT . . . When Hank Bauer planted his foot on home plate with this run in the 1953 World Series the Yankees were World Champions for the fifth straight year (1949-'53) and had set an all-time series record. Third base coach Frank Crosetti follows him jubilantly over the plate, Gil McDougald (No. 12) forms one-man welcoming committee and Roy Campanella, catcher, starts disconsolate trudge to Dodger clubhouse.

Down on the Farm

LEE MacPHAIL
Farm System Chief

H. ROY HAMEY
Assistant to General Manager

Last Winter, at their annual banquet, the New York Baseball Writers named Paul Krichell as winner of the Bill Slocum Plaque for "long and meritorious service to the game of baseball." Players, umpires, managers, commissioners, league presidents and club officials had received this award in years gone by but this was the first time the writers chose to honor a baseball scout.

In picking Krichell, chief of the Yankee talent-seekers, they selected a man who had turned up many great stars. Five members of the All-Time Yankee team had become Yankees, thanks to the acumen of the one-time St. Louis Brownie catcher. He had brought to the Bronx Bombers Lou Gehrig, from the Columbia campus; Tony Lazzeri, from the Pacific Coast League; Red Rolfe, from Dartmouth; Johnny Murphy, from Fordham, and of the current club little Phil Rizzuto, from the sandlots of New York. These and many more owed their Yankee affiliation to "Krich."

Paul is part of the most productive farm system in baseball history. Chief of the system today is Lee MacPhail. Working closely with him is H. Roy Hamey, assistant to General Manager Weiss. Among the Yankee scouts are such capable men as Johnny Neun, Bill Skiff, Tom Greenwade, Atley Donald, Pat Patterson, H. P. Dawson, "Deacon" Jones and many others—all listed on the following page. Their contributions to the winning of five straight pennants often is lost in the blaze of national headlines for the players, themselves, but no one is more cognizant of this wonderful supporting cast than Skipper Casey Stengel.

"They're all on MY team," he has said on many an occasion. "We couldn't win without them!"

And a study of the records will back up those remarks. The Yankees have been winning while rebuilding. Only four men remain from the champions of 1947 and only nine men have played for all five of Stengel's championship clubs. Annually some newcomer has been the shot-in-the-arm necessary to the winning of a pennant. And it takes a sound farm system to come up with the right man at the right time. So, a tip of the Yankee hat to the men who labor "down on the farm"—farm bosses, scouts, managers and troubleshooters. They all play a major part in Yankee success.

Atley Donald

Harry Hesse

Lou Maguolo

Fred Hasselman

Joe McDermott

Floyd Herman

Tom Greenwade

Bill Skiff

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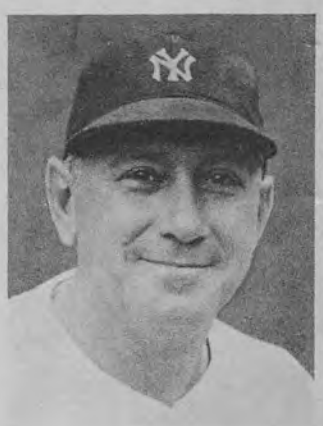

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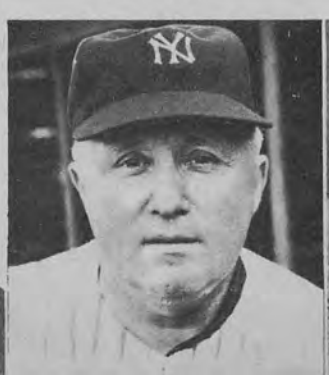

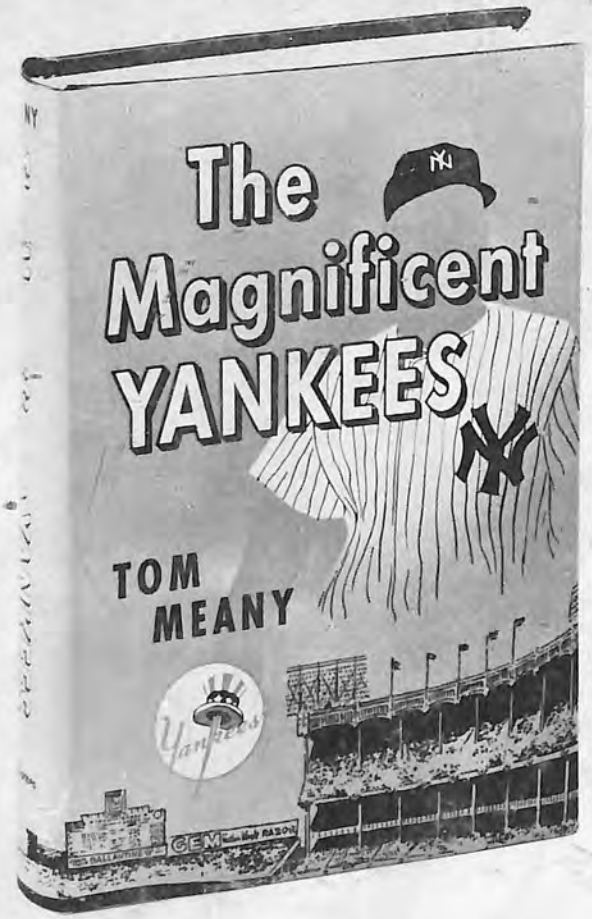

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